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Labor plank allows for Palestinian state

By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party convention yesterday adopted a controversial platform plank recognizing the Palestinian people's right to self-determination in a state with limited sovereignty. This came after frontrunning leadership candidate MK Ehud Barak dropped his opposition.

The convention also named Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz as the party's candidate for another term and geared up for the election of a new secretary-general, after MK Nissim Zvilli formally announced he is stepping down.

Although the convention's actual business included some potentially explosive ideological issues, they were swiftly and smoothly disposed off, with little interest shown by delegates after the excitement of the Peres-Barak showdown on Tuesday.

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Thus the convention approved a plank in which Labor "recognizes the right of the Palestinian people to self determination" and "does not rule out the possibility of a Palestinian state." Such a state, according to party blueprint, would have limited sovereignty, be demilitarized, will be prevented from forming military alliances with other states, and its air space would be open to the Israel Air Force.

When the plank first came up last month before the party political committee, headed by leadership candidate Shlomo Ben-Ami, Barak opposed it, arguing there is no need for Israel to decide for the Palestinians.

But Barak was approached by two of his supporters, MKs Uzi Baram and Yael Dayan, who talked him into withdrawing his objections. Ben-Ami was delighted, saying, "It is high time that Labor stopped avoiding reality."

Leadership hopeful MK Yossi Beilin described this as "a very real victory for me and my colleagues, who favored the idea of a Palestinian state long ago. I am glad Barak cleared the obstacles he sought to place before this change, but the man [Barak] who refused to vote for Oslo 2, and who railed against the government for not building more at Har Homa is not part of my ideological world."

The convention also adopted a plank calling for "increased efforts to bolster the settlements on the Golan, pending an agreement with Syria."

The Likud reacted to the Palestinian state plank last night by charging that "Labor is divesting itself of all its principles and is offering the Land of Israel to the lowest bidder in an end of season sale."

The convention also formalized the merger between the breakaway Ram Histadrut faction and the Labor faction. Ram's Peretz will be Labor's candidate for another term as Histadrut chairman, at the head of a joint Labor-Ram ticket. He will seek to attract other political factions.

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Court delays decision on four Bar-On petitions

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court of Justice has put on hold its decisions on four petitions to indict Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, to remove Hanegbi from office, and to suspend Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

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The court announced this last night, following a marathon 13-hour session. It did not state when it would give its rulings.

Earlier the court had rejected four other petitions submitted following the state attorney's report on the Bar-On Affair. They were filed by Meretz MK Yossi Sarid, Labor MK Ophir Pines, by Labor MKs Yossi Beilin and Yona Yahav, and by the Movement for Quality Government and private citizens. Another petition filed by a private citizen was withdrawn.

The five-person bench, headed by Deputy President Shlomo Levin, convened at 8 a.m. to hear petitions aimed at proving that Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decision not to prosecute Netanyahu and Hanegbi for their roles in the affair was not reasonable.

The debate centered around Netanyahu's degree of involvement in an alleged deal to appoint Roni Bar-On as attorney-general in order to win a plea bargain for Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri in his fraud and bribery trial.

It is not reasonable to say that "the prime minister did not absorb" information about a deal, as the report states, the petitioners argued. If there is no prima facie evidence against Netanyahu, it must be because Rubinstein applied too high a "threshold" to determine whether there was such evidence.

At one point Justice Dalia Dorner asked the state's representative: "In the decision-making process, did you apply different standards for the prime minister because he is a VIP?"

"Absolutely not," replied Shai Nitzan of the State Attorney's Office. "The considerations were based solely on the evidence."

The court rejected a petition calling for the publication of the minority opinion in the state attorney's team. The dissenting minority had called for indictments against Netanyahu and Hanegbi.

It also threw out petitions to order the publication of the police report on its investigation of the affair and the setting up of a public commission of inquiry.

"What would a commission of inquiry achieve?" asked Justice Eliezer Goldberg when the issue was raised.

"The public has the right to full information about this affair. The police only investigated the criminal aspects, but it is not its duty to look into the public aspects of the affair," argued attorney Avigdor Feldman on behalf of petitioner Sarid. "There was a failure of the system. The prime minister acted cynically and has not learned from the experience. The breakdown has not been examined."

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Labor MK Ophir Pines (right) argues with a Shas supporter at the Supreme Court building yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Squabble over Swiss fund led to Wiesel's refusal to join

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Conflict over the makeup of the executive board of the Swiss compensation fund for Holocaust survivors was a main reason Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel refused to accept a position on the commission. He repeated Tuesday in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* that he also did not feel comfortable about determining how to distribute the money.

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"The Swiss decided from the very beginning that they needed to be the majority [on the seven-man committee]," Wiesel said.

"Why? Because it's Swiss money. I would have said, 'Wait a second – here the recipient is more important than the giver because it's a moral question, not a financial question.' And therefore we should have said, 'We need a majority, that if it should come to certain points we should have the majority.'

"But even so, I didn't want it for a very simple reason: How do you distribute monies? Am I going to say that someone who was two months in Birkenau is more important than someone who spent six months in the



Elie Wiesel (Bryan McBurney)

Warsaw Ghetto? How can I stand up later on and say to a survivor, 'Look, you didn't deserve to get more money.' Can you quantify suffering?"

The head of the fund, Rolf Bloch, a Jewish leader in Switzerland, charged on Saturday that Wiesel's declining to serve on the executive board would delay payments to survivors.

But Wiesel countered that the fund, which was formed in February, only sent him an official letter spelling out his position at the beginning of this month, and that he answered promptly two days later. Prior to that there had been unresolved discussions over what his role would be.

"The Swiss minister sent me letters – so laudatory – but I heard they weren't so enthusiastic, because they knew with me, I have a way of standing up, I'm not afraid of governments.

"They had it in their ordinance that [the head of the fund] must be a Swiss citizen. Okay. I don't need titles. But the World Jewish Congress wanted the title. First they wanted me to be president. Switzerland said no, the president must be Swiss. So they began speaking about titles, which made the whole thing silly. It's not a matter of titles. They appointed me international chairman, and the Swiss foreign minister said, 'Wiesel can have no special powers.' I was just the seal of approval.

"The World Jewish Congress felt that for their reasons, since they had only three [people on the executive board] versus four Swiss, that they wanted me. So I said, 'Let me see what they write.' But when I got the letter, I realized it's not for me."

Wiesel said there is already disagreement over how the fund, which eventually could total $7 billion, should be distributed. One group, he said, had decided that every survivor, some 300,000 here and in Eastern Europe, should each receive $180, "with a note for those who don't need it to give it back. Can you imagine?"

He admitted that the matter of how to distribute the money is "not an easy situation," but that "the main thing is not to humiliate the survivors. It should really go to those survivors who are old and sick and destitute, and they should have dignity. The main thing is they shouldn't feel like beggars."

Wiesel said that had he remained on the fund, he would have called for establishing "programs for old-age homes; give medical insurance to those who have none; and give more money to those who need it in Eastern Europe, or to organizations here like AMCHA. It's going to be such a problem. It's not for me."

A full interview with Wiesel will appear tomorrow.

Ne'eman verdict due today

By RAINE MARCUS

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Dan Arbel will today hand down his verdict in the trial of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Ne'eman resigned from his post after journalist Yoav Yitzhak petitioned the High Court protesting his appointment. This prompted police to launch an investigation.

Ne'eman was charged with deliberately giving false evidence in the trial of MK Aryeh Deri and with encouraging a prosecution witness, Martin Brown, to give false evidence.

Ne'eman claimed he had simply made a mistake in his testimony, which he corrected later. However, the prosecution argued that Ne'eman corrected his statements to "cover his tracks."

Arbel asked if it were possible that Ne'eman made a legitimate mistake, but the prosecution insisted he had "made many mistakes" and that there was criminal intent.

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in brief

Call for Knesset debate on Rabin documentary

Meretz faction chairman Ran Cohen, who heads the Knesset State Control Committee, is calling for a Knesset discussion on the television documentary *The Road To Rabin Square*. The film, screened Tuesday on Channel 2, portrayed the incitement which preceded the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Cohen said the events leading to the assassination have never been investigated, except for security-related issues. He said the documentary was the first serious attempt to deal with the public aspects surrounding the assassination and as such could not be ignored. *Liat Collins*

Porat: PA operating pirate TV station

The Palestinian Authority is operating a pirate television station from the Intercontinental Hotel in eastern Jerusalem, according to National Religious Party Faction Chairman Hanan Porat. He said yesterday that the operation of the station on UHF 21 is just one violation on a Communications Ministry list of Palestinian violations of the Oslo accords. Porat met yesterday with Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel, who promised to investigate the matter.



Hanan Porat

In the morning, Porat filed a police complaint against PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's advisor Ahmed Tibi for saying last week that someone who sells land to Jews has sold his soul to the devil. Porat noted that the day after Tibi spoke on Israel Radio, land dealer Farid Bashiti was murdered. *Liat Collins*

Man drowns off Haifa

A man in his 60s drowned yesterday afternoon off Haifa's Shemen Beach. He had been swimming with some friends. A Magen David Adom crew came to the scene, but could not revive him. *Itim*

Civil Guard volunteer shot and wounded

A Civil Guard volunteer, 54, from Tira, was shot and wounded from a passing car at the Tira-Taibe junction yesterday. He was reported in serious condition at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, after being shot at point-blank range in the abdomen, the arm, and both legs. *Itim*

Education seminar set for Basel

Jewish educators from Israel and Europe will meet in Basel from May 18 to 20 in the 10th European Seminar for Jewish Education, sponsored by the Jewish Agency's Joint Education Authority.

The gathering is being held in Basel as one of the first events marking 100 years since the First Zionist Congress met in that city.

Delegations are expected from both larger Jewish communities, like England and France, and smaller ones such as Romania, Hungary, and Turkey.

There are to be sessions in the hall of the First Zionist Congress, and workshops on topics ranging from prayer to the Internet. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Mordechai, Erekat meet with Ross

By JON IMMANUEL

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were meeting last night under US auspices to seek a way out of the peace talks deadlock.

Palestinian Authority spokesmen said they did not consider the meeting with US special envoy Dennis Ross at the Herzliya home of US Ambassador Martin Indyk to be negotiations, but rather an opportunity to hear US suggestions.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, heading the Israeli team, arrived an hour after the scheduled start of talks. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser, attorney Yitzhak Molcho, also attended.

The Palestinian delegation was headed by Saeb Erekat, the chief Hebron negotiator. Erekat hosted Ross in his hometown of Jericho yesterday, where the two discussed their positions prior to last night's three-way meeting.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, an adviser to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, has said that freezing construction on the controversial Har Homa project in southeast Jerusalem, across the Green Line, is basic to getting talks moving again.

In Ramallah yesterday, Arafat told a donors' conference that the negotiations are stuck because of land expropriation. He attacked Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's reported plan of giving Palestinians control over 40 percent of the West Bank as insufficient to ensure territorial continuity along the Jordan River.

He also said the Palestinian economy is going from bad to worse, in marked contrast to more optimistic comments by Shaath a day earlier.

Arafat said there is 62% unemployment in Gaza and 48% unemployment in the West Bank, that closures are costing the PA $7 million a day, produce is being held up at checkpoints, and quarries have been closed between Jerusalem and Ramallah costing many jobs.

Foreign Ministry official Ilan Baruch refuted the charges, quoting the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics concerning unemployment, which he put at 25% in Gaza and 17% in the West Bank.

He calculated the loss to the Palestinian economy of 50,000 workers earning $40 a day in Israel at $2 million day. He denied any quarries had been closed and said that up to 800 trucks a week leave Gaza, and 500 cross to Jordan with no overnight holdups.

Baruch noted that this improvement had taken place despite the lack of negotiations, the government coordinator's spokesman said.

Jordan appeared yesterday to be taking a more positive line to the peace talks. The pro-Hussein *Al-Dustor* noted in an editorial that "The possibility of making progress on the Palestinian track seems better today than two months ago, unless the Netanyahu government does something unpredictable."

Syria has also said it is interested in resuming bilateral talks, Norway's Foreign Minister Bjorn Godal told Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday, after arriving from Damascus.

"I was reassured by the Syrian president and foreign minister that they take interest in the furthering of the peace process," Godal told reporters. "They expressed positive interest on the revival of the Syria-Lebanon track ... and this was the message that they wanted to convey to me."

In response, Levy said, "I say again, I am ready to meet the foreign minister of Syria anywhere, any time."



Norway's Foreign Minister Bjorn Godal (left) and Foreign Minister David Levy hold a press conference outside the Foreign Ministry yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Settlement leaders vow no more cooperation if demolition continues

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In meetings with OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday, settlement leaders stressed that there would be no further cooperation if demolition of houses in settlements continues.

According to Yehiel Leiter, of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, the leaders raised their concern over the fact that Dayan has the authority to decide when building in settlements can be carried out after the actual permits have been granted by Mordechai.

"It is no secret that he isn't exactly sympathetic toward the community in Hebron and settlements such as Yitzhar, near Nablus," Leiter said.

In addition the leaders raised the issue confiscation of weapons from settlers.

Dayan told the settlers that he had to abide by the law, which stipulates that if someone is being investigated by police, he is not allowed to carry a weapon.

Mordechai told the settlers he wants to strengthen existing settlements and briefed them on the actions taken by the defense establishment to foil terror and give a reasonable level of security to residents of Judea and Samaria.

He stressed that the policy of the government is to strengthen existing settlements, but at the same time to keep the peace and deal with lawbreakers, no matter who they may be.

"I don't accept talk as if there are people in this country who want peace and people who don't want peace. We all want peace, but everyone has their own opinion about what peace is," Mordechai said, adding that dialogue needs to be protected and maintained.

Also participating in the meeting were Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Dayan, and Eli Cohen, Mordechai's adviser on settlement.

Mordechai also briefed the settlers on his talks with special US mediator Dennis Ross, as well as his meetings with European and Egyptian representatives.

Defense officials said the meeting was held in a "very good atmosphere."

Leiter said the settlers stressed the need to speed up the process of expanding existing settlements to maintain security.

"Yitzhar for example can find itself totally isolated if it isn't allowed to build on the [nearby] hilltop," he said, adding: "If we don't wake up now, the Palestinian Authority will build there instead, causing a threat to the settlement.

"There are many settlements with hilltops nearby or overlooking them that will cause a severe security problem if they aren't permitted to build. We told Mordechai that if he doesn't want us to bulldoze roads to these hilltops, he had better act fast."

WHO resolution condemns Har Homa construction

By JUDY SIEGEL

The World Health Organization's 50th annual assembly yesterday passed a resolution, proposed largely by Moslem states, that was sharply critical of Israel regarding its "settlement in the Palestinian territory, and especially in Jabal Abu Ghneim [Har Homa] in occupied East Jerusalem."

The resolution was passed on the last day of the assembly by 93 countries and opposed by only Israel, the US, Palau and Papua New Guinea, with four abstaining.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who returned to Jerusalem after a week's participation in the assembly but before the resolution was voted on, said yesterday that it was a shame that the members mixed politics with medical matters. He had asked Dr. Fathi Arafat, head of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and brother of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, to moderate the anti-Israel proposals at the gathering, but pressures from militant Arab and Moslem countries made this difficult.

In the end, only minor changes were made, including a change from "occupied Arab Jerusalem" to "occupied East Jerusalem."

The resolution deals with "health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine." It notes "with deep concern" the "obstacles facing the peace process and the adverse consequences of the continuous closure of the Palestinian territory on its socioeconomic development, including the health sector."

Israeli representatives who were present at the vote said it was "completely political," and reminded them of attacks on Israel at UN gatherings before the peace process began.

The resolution urges member states and organizations to provide speedy and generous assistance to Palestinian health projects and calls on Israel "not to hamper the Palestinian health authorities in carrying out their full responsibility for the Palestinian people, including in occupied East Jerusalem, and to lift the closure imposed on the Palestinian territory."

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The Gesher faction, led by Foreign Minister David Levy, was mentioned by Peretz as one of his targets. No mention was made of the political future, if any, of the present Labor Histadrut faction chief, Haim Haberfeld, who is Peretz's bitter foe.

Zvilli announced tersely that he will be quitting as secretary-general and that immediately after the June 3 leadership primary, the contest would begin for the post he is vacating. Zvilli left the impression that he will be leaving the political arena altogether. He and other Peres supporters fear they have few political prospects, because they expect Barak to launch a vendetta against them, despite his assurances to the contrary.

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Uzi Fogelman, head of the High Court Division in the State Attorney's Office, replied: "The situation is that there is no public aspect... The decision-making process has not yet been completed with regard to some [of those concerned]." He was apparently referring to the Deri case and to the completion of the investigation into Lieberman's activities.

Arguing in favor of the publication of the police report and minority opinion, the petitioners suggested: "If some of the material could interfere with the [ongoing] investigation, then why not publish those parts which do not?"

Yet another petition – objecting to the decision to indict Deri – was withdrawn and the court ordered the petitioner, attorney Dan Kochavi of Rehovot, to pay costs. Kochavi had complained that "the entire Deri affair is based on ethnic discrimination... This is an Ashkenazi court," he shouted at the justices.

"We judge on the basis of legal evidence," explained Levin.

In his petition, Kochavi stated that "[Court President Aharon] Barak and his wife are judges and their children are lawyers, but they are forcing their Yemenite housekeeper to remain in her lowly position."

To this, the prosecution responded that the petition's language was not fit to be brought before the court.

Channel 1 last night reported it had obtained details of the minority opinion. It said that attorney Talya Sasson, who had been the coordinator between the State Attorney's Office and the police during the investigation, had been the one to press for indictments. She was later joined by Deputy State Attorney Yehoshua Reznick and Jerusalem District Attorney Moshe Lador, and together they formulated a report recommending Netanyahu be indicted for breach of trust.

State Attorney Edna Arbel was torn between accepting and rejecting the idea of an indictment, the TV said. When her report with Rubinstein's endorsement was released, they had expected a totally different reaction from Netanyahu, the TV said.

"The legal experts felt that the prime minister had completely missed the significance of the report," Channel 1 said.

ARRIVALS

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Shas's rush on the courthouse

By HERB KEINON

The steady stream of tourists shuffling through the Supreme Court's wide, marble halls gave the court a "business as usual" air yesterday. But the short-haired, thick-armed riot police sitting on hardwood benches in front of Hall 3, watching who went in and who came out, was a sure indicator that "something was up."

Bar-On is what was up. After the media, police, and attorney-general all had their shot at the messy Bar-On Affair, the court finally got its turn. The police were on hand to make sure no one tried to interfere.

The specter of interference, in the form of overzealous Shas supporters, is not some far-fetched, theoretical dilemma. Tuesday night, some 250 supporters of Aryeh Deri rushed the locked entrance of the courthouse in protest. A huge white-on-black headline in one of the dailies screamed: "The night the Supreme Court was almost conquered."

The riot police both inside and outside the building showed the lesson had been learned.

Tuesday night's protest gave proof that the so-called "ethnic issue" let out of the proverbial bottle is no wisp of a genie, but rather a bucking bronco that – with enormous destructive capability – kicks in all directions.

The rush on the courthouse came just days after stones were thrown at policemen standing at attention for the siren marking Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars, which came just a few days after a pro-Deri demonstration in Bnei Brak on Holocaust Heroes' and Martyrs' Remembrance Day.

The country, once again, resembles a slaughterhouse for sacred cows. "The rules of the game have been shattered," said Labor MK Ophir Pines, one of the petitioners to the court, who spoke during a break in the day-long hearings.

"It did not surprise me," Pines said of the Shas demonstration. "I am not surprised by anything Shas does. They are anti-everything."

Pines agreed with the hypothesis that those at Tuesday night's protest, as well as most of those at the occasional pro-Deri street demonstrations, are the party's activists, its elite, not the rank-and-file. "But if we don't stop it at this level," he said, "we will be faced with hundreds and thousands who will eventually take to the streets."

Stopping "it," he said, means arresting those responsible – which will inevitably pour more salt into the wounds. "No choice," he said.

While Pines was speaking, a group of men in their 20s and 30s, air force civilian employees touring the court, gawked and then surrounded one of the personalities who attended the hearing. Not Meretz MK Yossi Sarid, not high-profile attorney Avigdor Feldman, but Ayala Hasson, the Channel 1 reporter who broke the Bar-On story.

Hasson provided the only buzz of electricity in the hall. The Shas demonstrators of the night before failed to show – leaving the riot police with little to do but watch the people watch Hasson.

Which is not to say there was no Shas presence. Three or four party activists were on hand throughout the day, listening to the arguments, occasionally passing notes.

"The Supreme Court is the last bastion of racism," said Gabi Butbul, Shas's representative on the board of the Israel Broadcasting Authority. "The very fact that one seat on the court is set aside for Sephardim is proof of this. One seat for Sephardim, and another for a religious justice. And what if another Sephardi is qualified? They will say, 'Oops, your seat is already taken.' "

By its very makeup, Butbul said, the court is unable to understand what is bothering Shas supporters. The demonstration the night before, he said, was not a dramatic storming of the country's seat of justice, but just the protesters' attempt to let the justices know what is sitting so heavy on their hearts.

Kahalani: Protesters never entered building

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday denied media reports that Shas protesters entered the Supreme Court building on Tuesday evening.

Shas did not comply with the conditions of its permit for the protest, he added, and a much larger number than allowed showed up after the agreed-upon time. Despite that, they stayed within the permitted area and did not do anything that called for exceptional police action, Kahalani said.

Police were stationed opposite the Supreme Court at the time for which Shas had received a permit to demonstrate, Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said. A half-hour later, when the protesters failed to show up, most of the police left, leaving behind a small group as a deterrent, he said.

Shortly afterwards, some 200 Shas supporters appeared, moved the barriers police had set up, and began their protest, said Yitzhaki, who headed an investigation into the incident.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has asked Kahalani to look into the incident, so that similar occurrences can be prevented. He condemned any actions that threaten or put pressure on judges, calling Tuesday's protest very grave. (Ilim)

Ramon may vie for Labor top spot later

By SARAH HONIG

MK Haim Ramon dropped a bombshell into the Labor Party convention yesterday, when he announced that he may well challenge the winner of the June 3 leadership primary one year before the 2000 elections.

Meanwhile, outgoing party leader Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak, his likely successor, sought to lower the tone of their Tuesday confrontation, with Barak praising Peres and Peres promising not to strike out on his own. But they did not meet.

Ramon asserted that the party rules mandate a ratification of the candidate for prime minister a year before the elections. This, he argued, "means that the field is still open and that the candidate can be challenged. If the situation allows it, I will seek the nomination. I am not in the contest in this round, but I may be in the next one."

Barak's supporters say there is no such clause and that Ramon is willfully distorting the party rules, but they predicted that he will snap at Barak's heels and might eventually even leave Labor and seek alliances with the likes of Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo (Likud) in a new party.

When the convention's second day opened, the expectation was that the Peres-Barak antipathy would come into play. Each of them met with his closest backers after Tuesday's decision that Peres would not be appointed party president.

Peres said he would not show up for the proceedings. But his people urged him to reconsider, as his absence might be interpreted as his accepting defeat. In the end, Peres appeared and announced that he would not join the government.

"This is out of the question," he said. "A national unity coalition is also not likely. I will not leave Labor, and it is a shame to waste time on that. Time is precious now and is running out fast for the peace process and that should be uppermost in our minds. I will work for peace and need no one's permission to do so."

He promised to cooperate with the new party leader, but stressed that he will not quit politics. Peres refused to endorse a leadership candidate.

Barak sought to justify the showdown and argued that "there was no other choice when we failed to reach a compromise. I am sure we will make use of Shimon's talent and experience. He is too great for titles. He doesn't need them."

Barak's chief opponent Yossi Beilin, however, charged that "this showdown was a superfluous demonstration of power, and this power play is what is so frightening in Barak."



Labor Party MKs (from left) Ehud Barak, Uzi Baram, Ephraim Sneh, and Shlomo Ben-Ami stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem at yesterday's convention closing in Tel Aviv. (Roren Engel/Israel Sun)

C'ttee urges action on behalf of Beduin education

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Knesset Education Committee yesterday recommended that an interministerial committee be established to solve the educational problems of the country's Beduin.

The committee was responding to the continuing strike in the educational system in the Beduin towns of Rahat and Tel Sheva, which is entering its third week and has kept 14,000 pupils out of school. The strike was launched to protest overcrowded schools and poor infrastructure.

The committee also recommended building 300 classrooms in the Beduin community within the next three years, and establishing a special education track for the Beduin.

Chairman Emanuel Zissmann said that the committee had conducted a tour of Beduin educational facilities five months ago, and had passed on recommendations to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, but "nothing has been done."

Zissmann said that "morally and publicly," he supports the strike, but suggested waiting until the end of the month to see if the Finance Ministry agrees to provide the funds necessary to meet the committee's recommendations.

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) said it was inconceivable for a cabinet minister to say on the eve of Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars that the Beduin "are full partners in the fate of Israel, and then the night after Independence Day, the Education Ministry leaves them in a situation like that which existed here 300 years ago. We must bridge the gap immediately, and this is the duty first and foremost of the Education Ministry."

MK Taleb a-Sanaa (United Arab List) noted that "the strike began two weeks ago. Now the Finance Ministry is asking for two more weeks to give an answer. Why does it take a month to look into a problem that's known to everyone?"

Education Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Dell said he had met with Finance Ministry officials last week and had demanded they find a way to build the needed classrooms. "All the nice plans, some of which are already being implemented in the field, can't go ahead without the proper buildings. The Finance Ministry undertook to give us an answer by the end of this month," he said.

Meanwhile, Rivlin and Zissmann are to meet today with leaders of the striking junior lecturers at most of the country's universities in an effort to end that strike, which began Tuesday.

Two soldiers moderately injured in accident

By DAVID RUDGE

Two soldiers were moderately injured when an armored personnel carrier swerved out of its path and hit them. The accident happened yesterday while the troops were on operational duties in the security zone's eastern sector.

The two soldiers were treated at the scene and later evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The army is investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Meanwhile, fighting continued in the security zone, with Hizbullah gunmen firing at IDF troops on operational duties in the zone's western sector early yesterday.

At the same time, gunmen also opened fire with mortars at an IDF outpost nearby. There were no casualties in either of the incidents and IDF gunners returned fire.

Reports from Lebanon said gunmen also fired mortars at the IDF's Dabsha position in the zone's eastern sector, again without causing any injuries or damage.

News agency reports from Lebanon said a Hizbullah gunman was killed and another wounded in the ensuing exchanges. There was no confirmation of the reports from any other sources.

Yesterday evening, gunmen opened fire with mortars at South Lebanese Army outposts in the zone's eastern and western sectors. There were no casualties and IDF gunners returned fire.

Sneh, Ben-Ami reject Beilin call to drop out of Labor leadership race

By SARAH HONIG

Labor leadership candidates MK Ephraim Sneh and MK Shlomo Ben-Ami rejected an appeal by MK Yossi Beilin, another candidate, to withdraw from the race.

Beilin had made the request to improve his chances against frontrunner MK Ehud Barak.

All four leadership hopefuls delivered speeches at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium to close the party convention last night. Outgoing party leader MK Shimon Peres walked out just before Barak's turn came.

The first speech, and the best according to audience reaction, was Beilin's. He began by extending an apology to Peres, his long time patron. "Dear Shimon, I apologize to you. I can only pray that the Likud's mistakes will overshadow the grievous error of last night." His supporters cheered loudly.

Beilin wondered "what the future image of this party will be. Will it be power politics and showdowns with multi-colored balloons? Will we have a single leader who possesses a party? Or will we have a party with an ideology, which is headed by a leader?"

He urged Ben-Ami and Sneh, both of whom are seen as having far lesser chances than Barak and himself, to drop out "so that we like- minded people can form one bloc."

He attacked Barak for not supporting Oslo B, for supporting Ariel Sharon on Hebron, and for supporting even more construction on Har Homa than Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Beilin said he, too, can defeat Netanyahu.

Sneh, who followed Beilin, presented himself as the "feeling heart of the party. Power and brains are one thing, but how about feelings and heart? We cannot do without them." To Sneh's mind "the convention, billed as an ideological one, was a great miss." He charged that Labor had done little about leading the nation in domestic politics and asserted that it must have values and principles



Yossi Beilin

and consider all problems.

Barak was the third speaker, according to lots cast. He was welcomed by loud chants, but also by catcalls of "Bibi" by those Laborites who claim he is too similar to the prime minister.

"I, too, have divided feelings about what happened at this convention," he said. "The showdown was not essential. I sought to prevent it, but once we reached the moment of decision, a democratic party could not escape the democratic verdict." He declared his confidence that "Shimon's political career will not be over on June 3. He will continue to inspire us."

Barak assured all those running against him that "there will be no vendettas and that the leading members of each camp will be members of the leadership team, should I win."

Ben-Ami expressed regret for the showdown between Peres and Barak. "There are situations which call for compromise and not for confrontation. The decision made was not a good one and I hope that it will not lead to a loss for Labor in the greater battle ahead."

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Russia, NATO reach a deal

News agencies

WASHINGTON — US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says she was "very encouraged" by reports of an agreement on a charter to link Russia with the NATO military alliance.

Albright said yesterday she was looking forward to an account from Secretary-General Javier Solana, who held talks in Moscow with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov.

Primakov and Solana gave no details about the document but stressed that both sides were tough in negotiating to win as many concessions as possible.

Albright spoke briefly to reporters before meeting at the State Department with Russian Defense Minister Igor Rodionov.

Rodionov, meanwhile, praised the agreement at the Pentagon as a compromise that suits both sides. "I think it is very good," he said.

"It demonstrates the intentions of both sides to meet each other's interests," he said.

Russian hardliners predictably attacked yesterday's deal while liberal politicians and experts took a cautious line, waiting for more details to emerge.

"(The West) has often cheated Russia and they will probably cheat us this time as well because we have nothing to trade with," Albert Makashov, a communist deputy in the State Duma lower house of parliament, told reporters.

Primakov and Solana said that after tough talks they had finally come to terms on the document aimed at mapping out relations between Moscow and the Western alliance.

Solana told a joint news conference the deal, also intended to address some of Moscow's concerns about NATO expansion, could be ready for signing in Paris on May 27 after President Boris Yeltsin and leaders of the 16 alliance members approve it.

A Russian Communist Party leader, Anatoly Lukyanov, said he was impressed by Primakov's tough bargaining but suggested the deal, hammered out by the minister with little space for maneuver, was unlikely to win wide public backing.

"Our contacts with Primakov in the Duma and in the Foreign Ministry show that he defended the only possible option," Lukyanov told reporters. "But in our opinion the agreement itself cannot be welcomed by society and cannot prompt positive emotions among deputies." Lukyanov said that, whatever the compromise, bargaining over the deal was humiliating for Russia.

"There is a battle raging over NATO expansion," he said.

"But this is not a battle of equals."

In the course of talks, which started in January, Moscow said repeatedly it disapproved of NATO's decision to invite several eastern European countries to join the alliance.

But Russian leaders have said that a say in NATO decision-making and a firm promise never to move the alliance's military infrastructure eastwards could dispel some of its security concerns.

NATO said it had no plans to move forces to the east but has refused to give any formal guarantees for the future, arguing that this would hamper the rights of new members.

The Czech Republic's President Vaclav Havel, confident of being asked to join NATO, is urging US officials to limit concessions to Russia.

Talks have centered on assurances NATO doesn't plan to deploy nuclear weapons or station "significant" numbers of combat troops or conventional weapons on the territory of new members.

Havel said decisions about NATO force size and strength should be made with security strategy in mind, "But it should not be done because NATO has bound itself to such action in an agreement with someone else."

"The alliance may not feel the need to deploy additional troops," he told a news conference, saying that was for NATO alone to decide.



Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by Prince Philip, sits in the House of Lords yesterday at the opening of Parliament. (Reuter)

Queen opens new Parliament

News agencies

LONDON — With old pageantry, but different politics, Queen Elizabeth II yesterday opened a new session of Parliament, announcing the first legislative program drawn up by a Labor government for 18 years.

Prime Minister Tony Blair committed his new Labor government to a major program of constitutional reform aimed at making a decisive break with the years of Conservative rule.

Blair and his defeated Conservative predecessor John Major, their roles reversed by Labor's landslide election victory May 1, stood side by side with other commoners while the queen read the 15-minute speech.



Tony Blair (Reuter)

Officials said the far-reaching legislative package reflected the priorities of a "people's government" and would begin the process of fulfilling the core election commitments that swept Labor to power on May 1.

"The new government will govern for the whole nation and give everyone — regardless of background — the chance to succeed in life," Blair's office said.

The program included major bills to set up separate assemblies for Scotland and Wales, a ban on tobacco advertising, an elected mayor of London, and a 5-billion pound ($8.2 billion) windfall tax on utility companies.

It represented the first move in implementing the centrist election platform on which Blair's revamped Labor party, stripped of socialist tenets, won power.

The program contains radical constitutional proposals while sticking largely to Conservative spending restraints and pledges not to raise personal taxes.

There was a reprieve for the ermine-robed members of the largely hereditary House of Lords who sat in front of the queen, who wore a long white gown and a crown.

Among the 26 bills the queen outlined, there was no mention of the government's plan to strip the scions of ancient, aristocratic families of the right to vote in the unelected upper House of Lords. They sit in the Lords alongside commoners given titles for life.

"It remains a commitment in our program, but it is not something we are going to do in the first year or 18 months," Peter Mandelson, Labor's campaign manager and now a government minister, said in BBC television interview.

But he warned that if the Conservative-dominated Lords, who can delay bills for six months, try to frustrate Labor's program "there will be a head of steam growing very quickly for changes." The 71-year-old monarch arrived for the ceremony at Parliament with her husband, Prince Philip, in a horse-drawn state carriage flanked by a cavalry guard of honor.

Reading the speech written by the government, the queen also announced a bill to outlaw handguns — a radical measure following the massacre last year of 16 kindergarten children and their teacher in Dunblane, Scotland.

Despite Labor's warnings, some peers strongly opposed to the handgun ban are readying for a final confrontation with the Commons.

"You have to stand by your principles," the 21st Earl of Shrewsbury, who inherited a 15th century title, said this week.

"If they're going to do away with the hereditary principle in the Lords, we would rather be seen to go down fighting." In the 659-member House of Commons, Blair can expect little trouble. Labor, in its best-ever performance, won an overwhelming majority and has 180 seats more than all the other parties combined.

Turkish troops pour into Iraq to attack Kurds

By YALMAN ONARAN

BATMAN, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's militaryyesterday launched an offensive into northern Iraq to oust Turkish Kurdish guerrillas from their hideouts, the government said.

Turkish TV stations reported troops started to cross into Iraq at dawn at Habur, a border town 250 km south of this southeastern city.

It was the latest in a series of springtime cross border attacks by Turkey aimed at the autonomy-seeking rebels.

Iraq condemned the offensive, but there was little it could do. The area is under the control of Iraqi Kurdish groups, kept out of Baghdad's reach by a US-led allied air force.

Turkey's pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party said 50,000 soldiers and 350 tanks crossed into northern Iraq.

"The figure is exaggerated," said Col. Husnu Dag, a military spokesman. "It is a small-scale, short-term operation."He refused to say how many soldiers were involved, and the government provided no immediate casualty figures.

The Turkish Kurdish rebel group, known as the PKK, has an estimated 10,000 fighters in the mountains of southeastern Turkey and in northern Iraq.

The official Anatolia news agency said at least five separate Turkish Kurdish rebel bases were hit by the jets.

The first encounter with the rebels took place in the region of Sarisarilar, just across the border, according to Anatolia.

The troops had also trapped a large number of guerrillas at the regions of Sivi and Dutaza.

PKK rebels apparently had been fighting with an Iraqi Kurdish opposition group, the Kurdish Democratic Party, KDP, which controls the area along the Turkish border.

Defense Minister Turhan Tayan said the Turkish troops went into northern Iraq to help the KDP. He said the KDP was trying to protect the local population from PKK "harassment." "We answered (KDP leader) Massoud Barzani's appeal for help," Tayan said.

Turkey has said the Iraqi Kurdish group must keep the PKK away from the Turkish border as a condition for allowing the US-led air force to operate from a Turkish base.

After 12 years of fierce fighting that has cost 28,000 lives, Turkey has pushed its war with rebel Kurds out of the cities and mainly to the mountains.

Turkey has launched major offensives in northern Iraq in recent springs to take advantage of good weather conditions in the mountainous terrain.

"This aggression contradicts Turkey's pledge to respect Iraq's sovereignty and integrity and also the principle of good neighborliness," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified official as saying.

The official said the "invading troops" heavily damaged the border towns of Zakho and Imadiya. He called for an immediate withdrawal.

China returns hijacker to Taiwan

TAIPEI (AP) — China teamed up with Taiwan in their first joint effort against air piracy yesterday, sending back a Taiwanese journalist who hijacked a Boeing 757.

Despite the absence of official ties, China allowed 15 Taiwanese officials and policemen into its southern port of Xiamen to take custody of Liu Shang-chun and sail him to the nearby Taiwanese island of Quemoy, officials said.

Liu was taken out on a Taiwanese boat, despite Taiwan's ban on direct sea links with China, said the Straits Exchange Foundation, which handles exchanges with the mainland.

He was then flown from Quemoy to Taipei, the Taiwanese capital, to be charged, officials said.

Liu hijacked the jetliner of Far East Air Transport, a Taiwan company, to Xiamen on March 10 by threatening to set fire to his gasoline-doused clothes. He was arrested, while the airliner returned to Taiwan with its 149 passengers and eight crew members.

China at first refused to hand Liu over, accusing Taiwan of failing to honor an unsigned agreement to repatriate Chinese hijackers. But it later changed its stand with an offer to join forces with Taiwan against air piracy.

Taiwanese officials have said they will reciprocate soon by sending back two Chinese hijackers, the first parolees among 16 Chinese hijackers convicted by Taiwanese courts.

Taiwanese officials say China has tentatively agreed not to retry them, but Taiwan wants a written guarantee.

"This is a good beginning," Taiwan Justice Minister Liao Cheng-hao said after Liu's return.

Zaire talks flounder; rebels advance

POINTE NOIRE, Congo (Reuter) - Confusion over the whereabouts of rebel leader Laurent Kabila delayed Zaire's peace talks yesterday, a senior mediator said on the South African ice-breaker that will host the meeting.

A rebel spokesman told Reuters by telephone that Kabila, whose forces have been advancing on Zaire's capital Kinshasa, was insisting on joining the ship only after it was in international waters.

"We don't want to go to Pointe Noire for security reasons.

We've been here in Cabinda for five and a half hours now. We are still talking about how we can go. We are willing to go to the ship and that is why we are here. But not to Pointe Noire." South Africa's Nelson Mandela, who is trying to broker a transitional agreement and avert a rebel attack on Kinshasa, and Zaire's embattled president, Mobutu Sese Seko, waited on shore in Congo's main port of Pointe Noire where the craft was docked.

In Kinshasa, an anti-Mobutu opposition stay-home protest all but closed down the usually teeming city of five million people.

Shops and markets stayed closed.

"The success of today's operation has clearly shown that the people don't want Mobutu any more, and people know exactly what to do when the rebels come," said Laurent Mbayo, an adviser to Mobutu's veteran political opponent, Etienne Tshisekedi.

Zairean state radio said yesterday would be a fateful day that could determine the future of Africa's third largest and potentially one of its richest countries.

UN and Organization of African Unity special envoy Mohamed Sahnoun announced the talks delay. Speaking in mid-afternoon, he predicted the talks, described by another senior mediator as a last chance for peace, would start "within hours."

Tests start on James Earl Ray's rifle

RHODE ISLAND (AP) — The gun and bullet prosecutors say killed Martin Luther King Jr. were seen publicly for the first time in nearly 20 years yesterday in anticipation of tests that could change history.

The gun was removed from a padlocked black case marked "evidence" and the bullet was displayed in a clear plastic container at the University of Rhode Island crime lab. Weapons experts will test them to try to determine whether James Earl Ray killed the black civil rights leader at a Memphis, Tennessee, motel in 1968.

Ray believes the tests will show the bullet that killed King did not come from his .30-06 hunting rifle.

Defense lawyer Jack McNeil said even if the tests show the bullet came from Ray's gun, it does not prove Ray fired the weapon and he will continue to seek a trial.

"This is not the end all and be all," he said. "It's important, but the fact remains that from the very beginning James Earl Ray contended he was not there." John Campbell of the Shelby County, Tennessee, district attorney's office said he does not believe another trial will change anything.

Ray, 69, pleaded guilty to the killing in 1969 and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. But he recanted days later and has fought for a trial ever since.

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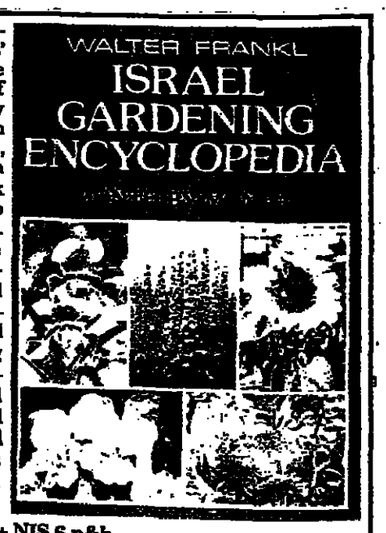
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Getting your money back

By RUTHIE BLUM

Every so often, I receive complaints about shops refusing to give cash refunds for returned goods. Most shops agree to exchanges – on condition that the goods have not been used – or provide credit slips with which to buy merchandise at a later date. Shop owners have blamed the income tax and VAT authorities for this phenomenon, claiming that once a receipt has been made out and registered, it is impossible to alter records for tax purposes. Thus, these shop owners refuse to give us our money back once it has entered their cash registers.

Both the Income Tax Authority and VAT have publicly refuted this claim. This has not made a difference where many small shops are concerned. However, according to a survey conducted by the Hotem Institute (headed by former Israel Consumer Council director Ada Levanon) for *Yediot Aharonot*'s *Mamon* financial magazine (May 2), most of the large chains now have cash-refund policies.

The following stores will, under certain conditions, give you your money back: Home Center, Ace Hardware, Office Depot, Hyper Rosenfeld, Hahn Toys, Greenberg, Hamashbir Lezarchan (only if the merchandise is damaged, but the chain is reconsidering this policy), Supersol, Superpharm (cash only if the customer is adamant), Co-Op Blue Square (it's possible to get cash, but not easy), Meteor Light Center, Toys 'R' Us (if the customer is adamant), Best Buy (at the manager's discretion, depending on the circumstances and the customer), Universe Club (if customer is adamant).

Before buying any merchandise, it is always a good idea to find out about the refund/return policy of the place of purchase. Every establishment has its own rules and nuances of policy.

The law ensures that consumers are protected where the return of defective goods is concerned. But it cannot, as yet, protect us from individual policies regarding merchandise about which we simply change our minds.

ON A different note: With summer approaching, the Israeli consumer is beginning to think about buying fans and air conditioners. Beware.

A warning from the Ministry of Industry and Trade: After receiving a number of consumer complaints, an inspection of fans marketed by Israamil Ltd. was conducted by the Trade Ministry Chief of Regulations, Grisha Deutsch.

The inspection revealed that the merchandise was not up to regulation standard. Mechanical glitches render the fans dangerous to users. In addition to preparing a lawsuit against the company, ministry director of the Tel Aviv and central district, Yitzhak Danieli, has ordered a freeze on all remaining fans in stock, which are to be fixed by the company. Only after receiving the OK from the ministry, will Israamil, Ltd. be allowed to resume sale of the fans.

If you should come across any such fan, inform the district office of the Ministry of Industry and Trade in which the shop is located: Phone numbers: (02) 622-0281/2; (03) 560-4611; (04) 867-1669; (07) 628-0771.

Also, take note: When purchasing an air conditioner which both cools and heats a room, check that the heating element will continue to work in very cold weather. Since these units have an outside exhaust pipe, condensation in the pipe freezes and can prevent the unit from providing any heat.

Request a written guarantee (even if this is in the form of a signature from the sales person or manager of the place of purchase) that your heater will work in cold weather. This way, if you were misled, you will have grounds for returning the unit or for suing in a small claims court. Asking for a signature usually serves as a good preventive measure in any transaction.

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

FLAIR

Wearable archives



By GREER FAY CASHMAN

If you can't get to Christie's in London or New York to view the 80 gowns which Princess Diana is donating to a charity auction, you can at least make it to the Ilana Goor Museum in Jaffa. There is a Variations in Black and White exhibition of international 20th-century fashion from the collection of the Shenkar College Bennett and Pauline Rose Study Center for Textiles, Costumes and Fashion.

The exhibition – which includes exquisite creations by Valentino, Madame Gres, Dior, Balenciaga, Pauline Trigere, Bill Blass and other notables – opened to the public yesterday and will be on display until June 14.

The garments are not for sale but will give many an opportunity for a close-up look at the creations of top-ranking international designers.

The exhibition, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Shenkar board of governors, also includes a memorial tribute to the late Lola Beer-Ebner.

Closely associated with Shenkar since its inception, Beer-Ebner was the widely acknowledged doyenne of Israeli fashion. She had carte-blanche access to some of the leading fashion houses in Europe and translated the latest trends into her own brand of Israeli chic.

Though dating back several decades, some of the garments on display are so ageless in concept that they are as modern as tomorrow.



One example is a demurely romantic Pauline Trigere silk, button-through, full-sleeved pinafore-style dress dating back to the '70s, yet obviously inspired by the late 19th century.

Another is a stunningly extravagant Madame Gres silk taffeta evening gown with a one-bare-shouldered bodice, rib carriage exposure and a magnificent skirt falling in dramatic folds from the hip.

Equally impressive is Christian Dior's circa late '50s silk raglan-sleeved reversible evening coat, which is shown alongside a black-and-white silk/satin paneled gown by an unknown American designer.

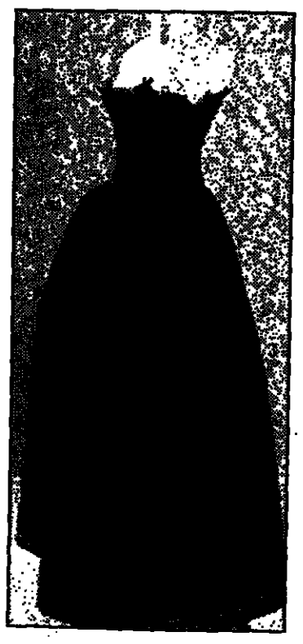
Looking as if it came straight from Hollywood is Norell Norman's wool silk suit, with bolero-length cape jacket. Fashioned in 1951, it would not look amiss at any high-class social gathering today.

Absolutely worth a second and a third glance is the quality workmanship seldom seen in contemporary creations.

Perhaps, by going public with its wearable archives, Shenkar may inspire higher standards among consumers who would be prepared to pay a little more for clothes that were better made.

Of late there has been so much shloch masquerading as fashion that it's sheer joy to look at garments which are more than just clothes.





Clockwise from top left: White taffeta evening gown by Christian Dior; 19th century-inspired dress by Pauline Trigere; classic black taffeta evening gown by Dior; black and white floral dress from the '50s by an unknown Italian designer.

Aliza's wig shop: Come for a wash & style, leave with a dose of Jewish mysticism

For 20 years, Aliza Shor has made her living in Baltimore helping Jewish wives observe the biblical prohibition against exposing their hair to anyone but their husbands.

While Orthodox homemakers go to Shor's wig shop to keep the faith and feel good about their looks, they leave with more than a wash and style.

"I talk of spiritual things," says Shor, the Israeli-born dean of Baltimore's *sheitel machers*, Yiddish for wig-makers. "Some women walk in with a big stone in their heart and walk out with a smile."

Shor listens carefully and speaks gently, making the person in her chair feel as though she has left a world where ill winds can wreck the nicest "do" and into one where a good, simple brushing will restore order.

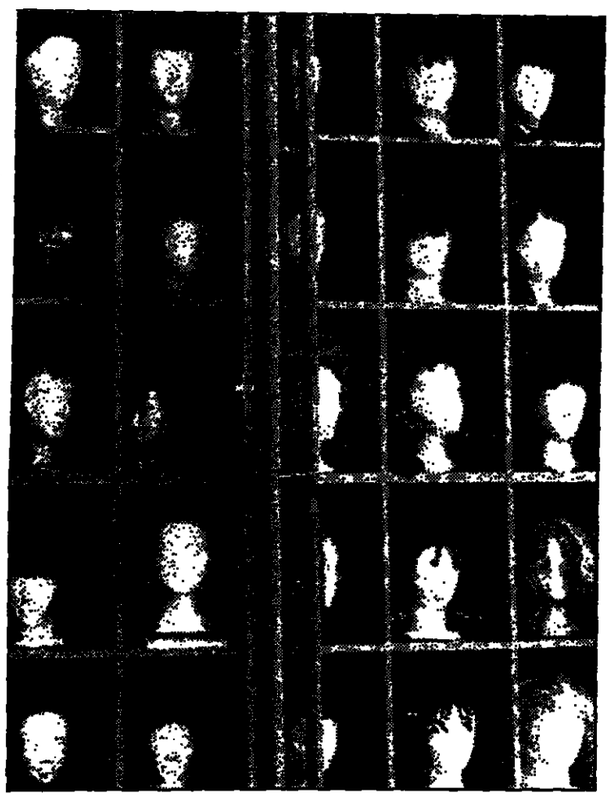
If the customer is worried, Shor provides a rock to hold onto from a collection she's gathered from Israel, from the streets and seashores – malachite being especially good for easing pain, she says.

She encourages mothers to bake their Shabbat bread instead of buying it at the store, gives away books about Jewish mysticism, and insists, in her quiet way, that if people would recite a prayer after using the lavatory they would be free of contagion-related illness.

While beauty parlors and barber shops are known as places where dirt gets dished, a prominent sign in Shor's shop explains that gossips break 34 of the 613 commandments.

"I tell them they have to live spiritually," says Shor, born in Tel Aviv 49 years ago. "I always was spiritual, even as a kid. In this job, I have learned I am good at helping people."

Years after someone has visited Shor's basement shop with a problem bigger than a wig that won't part properly, she receives "letters sharing with me about their healing and how much I helped them. They stay close to me."



In the midst of such faith, hair spray flies, wigs are held upside down for vigorous brushings, the foul smell of chemicals used to give permanents hangs in the air, and distraught women rush in with their latest *sheitel* crisis.

Not long ago, a newlywed in a strawberry-blonde wig scooted down the steps and whined that she couldn't do anything with the bangs in the front. "I can wash it and change it for you," says Shor, taking time away from the rabbi's wife in her chair as an assistant searched the appointment book for a free spot.

As the woman left, another walked in with a baby on her hip and a bag of wigs in her hand that someone had given to her. Shor looked them over the way a trusted mechanic might check out a used car.

Rebecca Kardos showed up with more dire problems. A 23-year-old gentile from Columbia, Kardos is a cancer survivor who lost her hair to a brain tumor and chemotherapy 12 years ago. She heard about Shor from a University of Maryland Medical Center social worker.

"The most beauty on a woman is her hair, and losing it is the most dramatic thing of the sickness," says Shor, who encourages the sick to trust God as well as their doctors.

The hair that came back to Kardos grew in very thin, so she covers it with a wig much different from the usual fare at Shor's – long, curly blonde tresses.

At Shor's, Kardos receives motherly lectures on how to care for her wig – "I don't have any hair technique," she laments – but is lost when it comes to the intricacies of Jewish custom.

Nechama First of Northwest Baltimore began covering her head when she was married seven months ago. A 32-year-old graduate of a secular women's college in Massachusetts, she describes herself as a feminist and feels secure about herself in her wig.

"The law doesn't say you have to look ugly, it says your real hair that grows from your head is private. I like to cover every hair," First says. "It's your poise and your behavior that give a message and you can certainly look attractive and beautiful. In a truly religious Jewish community, which [is] rare in America, you'll see that the women are powerful and validated and respected. I believe we are more powerful in our modesty than other women are by being out front.

"Physically, it's the same with your hair as it is with your spirit," she says. "There's your inside you only share with close friends and family, not the American way of spilling your guts to every stranger on the bus." (The Baltimore Sun)

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Deathly land sales

The Palestinian Authority's call to impose the death penalty on any Arab selling land to Jews, as stated by Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein earlier this month, and its apparent implementation last weekend in the abduction and killing of a Jerusalem resident, is an extremely grave matter which demands a forthright Israeli response.

In other circumstances, attempts to protect the sale of land to foreigners might be understandable. Many countries have laws and regulations which are aimed at preventing foreign citizens from attaining too much control over a country's land, for land is regarded as a precious national resource. In Israel itself, over 90 percent of the country's land is owned by the state and controlled by the Israel Lands Administration and the Jewish National Fund, through a complicated system of legislation. This archaic state of affairs, with its attendant economic distortions, is frequently justified in the name of national security. A truly free market for land would open the door to the possibility of non-citizens buying vast tracts of land.

And to be painfully honest, although Israeli law does not formally allow discrimination in land purchases among Israeli citizens, and there are places with mixed populations, there have also been instances in which serious attempts by Israeli Arabs to purchase housing in Jewish populated areas were met with stiff resistance.

The problem with the Palestinian Authority's attempts to forbid land sales to Jews is twofold. For one thing, its application extends to land which is outside of the PA's formal jurisdiction, and even Israeli Arabs with Israeli identity cards are liable to face punishment for going against the PA's wishes. No less troubling is the content of these statements, which are racist in tone and extremely harsh and brutal in the one penalty proposed – death.

The first implementation of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's call on May 2 to prevent land sales to Jews did not take long. According to the Israel Police, Farid Bashiti, a Jerusalem land dealer, who was considered to have intimate dealings with the Israel Lands Administration, was kidnapped last week from outside Jerusalem's Ambassador Hotel, taken to Ramallah, and murdered. Bashiti's killing, according to media reports, was carried out by a secret security unit established by the PA precisely for this purpose. The PA tried to cover up the unit's actions by claiming that Bashiti died in a road accident, despite the fact that he was found dead from a blow to the back of his head, with his hands tied behind his back. Abu Medein, charged with upholding the rule of law in the Palestinian Authority, pointedly refused to condemn the murder.

To put it mildly, this is completely unacceptable behavior. Aside from the barbarity of the murder itself, it is a blatant infringement on Israeli sovereignty that indicates the PA views all land in Israel as under its jurisdiction. No self-respecting country can permit a situation in which its residents can be kidnapped in its capital city and taken elsewhere to be interrogated or killed. If the atmosphere of fear, spread by freely operating PA agents, is allowed to develop among Jerusalem's Palestinian population, Israel's efforts to maintain its control of a united Jerusalem will be a lost cause even before the subject is raised in negotiations.

Indeed, the PA's police activities in Jerusalem, and even in Arab villages within Israel, are not new. They have been documented over the past three years in the media and are well known to both the Israeli authorities and the Palestinian population. At this point, a Palestinian living within Israeli territory wanting to settle a score with a neighbor can routinely call on the Palestinian Preventive Security Service to abduct the neighbors into PA territory, as happened recently in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Sur Bahir.

Shockingly, the Palestinian Legislative Council has not raised any protest against the gangland style killing of Bashiti, who was given no trial or opportunity to defend himself before he was, as if in a Mafia film, "taken for a ride." Neither has any PA official seen fit to condemn this execution. The fact that this sort of activity can be engaged in by elements within the PA, while elected officials and representatives acquiesce in silence, speaks volumes about the type of regime existing on Israel's doorstep.

US Congressman Benjamin Gilman, the House International Relations Committee chairman, this week took the initiative to condemn Bashiti's killing and to demand that the Palestinian Legislative Council vote against Medein's death penalty proposal. The State Department, on the other hand, refused to criticize Arafat and spokesman Nicholas Burns said he was unsure whether the US envoy had raised the matter with Arafat during his visit to the region. If the US is looking for confidence-building measures to get the peace process back on track, a condemnation of Bashiti's killing and the abrogation of the death penalty proposal for land sales to Jews would be a good place to start.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BREAST CANCER IN MEN

Sir, – I refer to your recent article on health, "Israeli women waking up to breast cancer." As someone who has, in the past two months, had her own breast-cancer scare, prior to leaving Israel for studies in San Francisco, I should like to commend your article; too much can never be written on the subject to raise our consciousness.

However, it pained me to read that only "a few men" marched from Liberty Bell Garden to Safra Square, obviously in solidarity with their women, without perhaps realizing the fact that men get breast cancer too.

Since being in America, I have seen more than one television talk show addressing male breast-cancer victims, and the additional "embarrassment" of having to deal with a cancer predominantly thought of as a women's disease.

I find it hard to imagine that there are no Israeli men who currently have to cope with all the implications of this terrible illness, and perhaps more has to be written and broadcast in the media to draw attention to the fact that men can get breast cancer too.

LOUISE ZUCKERMAN
San Francisco.

OFFENSIVE ALLEGATIONS

Sir, – As a visitor to Israel from the US, I find Michael Widlanski's column of April 27 to be filled with outrages. First, he would like to compare (and thus excuse) the Bar-On appointment with various less-than-first-rate appointments made by US presidents over the years. But the Bar-On appointment is notorious not so much for the quality of the appointee as it is for the scandal surrounding the appointment. No similar scandal was alleged with any of the so-called "failed" US appointments mentioned by Widlanski. And how dare he lump together as "failed" (or "somewhat-failed" – I love that one) Alexander Haig, Janet Reno and a host of other distinguished Americans who may have served the US briefly or not at all for various reasons, and compare these with the Bar-On appointment?

Even more offensive, however, is Widlanski's statement that: "Clinton's own White House counsel staff has included several people who were either indicted, near indictment or committed suicide." Specifics? Poor Vince Foster committed suicide, and a lengthy investigation failed to reveal any connection to any of the alleged White House scandal mentioned by Widlanski. Fact: Nobody from Clinton's White House staff has been indicted for any of these "gates" that Widlanski strings together, as if anything that can be suffixed with a "gate" is automatically a scandal. This despite a special prosecutor and staff who have been studying the so-called "Whitewater affair" for years now. That leaves the "near indictment" allegation to bolster Widlanski's "several people" observation. How pitiful and outrageous. And this is supposed to excuse the Bar-On affair?

BERNARD RAAB
Silver Spring, MD.

WEATHER REPORTS

Sir, – Why are we Israelis so neurotic?

In the *Post* of April 27, there is a large ad by a group condemning CNN for giving the weather reports of the *capital* cities of each country excepting Israel, where Tel Aviv's weather is given and not Jerusalem's.

For their information, the weather for South Africa is given for Johannesburg, whereas the capital city is Pretoria! Is this too some dastardly antisemitic act?

MARSHA EDELSTEIN
Ra'anana.

OUTRAGEOUS DECISION

Sir, – The ongoing debate in the media and among politicians concerning the results of the attorney-general's report on the Bar-On affair is obscuring a more fundamental crisis. This crisis has implications which are much more dangerous to the future of Israeli democracy and the release of ethnic tensions.

A Labor Knesset member who owes his seat to nothing other than the color of his skin and his country of origin turned to the High Court of Justice to reject the choice of Shmuel Schnitzer as the recipient of the Israel Prize for his more than 50 years of journalistic excellence. The appeal was based upon a charge of racism against Mr. Schnitzer, a charge vigorously denied by him and others who are familiar with him and his work. Admittedly without reading the one offending article upon which the appeal was made, the court ordered the prize committee to review its choice.

The implications of this outrageous decision upon ethnic relations are mind-boggling. A Pandora's box of specious legal actions will undoubtedly soon flood the court calendar ranging, say, from being overlooked for job advancement to being second choice in a beauty contest. The gamut is limited only by the imagination.

Worse, the freedom to express one's thoughts in speech and writing without fear of judicial action is endangered by this precedent established by a court which has arrogated to itself authority in areas which may arguably be outside of the legal sphere.

In *The Federalist Papers*, the authors of the United States Constitution defined what they called the "diseases most incident to democratic government." These included "zealous opinions concerning religion, tyrannical majorities, angry and malignant passions, a factious spirit, and, particularly, the dangerous ambition that often lurks behind the specious mask of those who begin their careers by paying obsequious court to the people, commencing demagogues and ending tyrants."

In its short existence, the Israel body politic has shown itself to suffer from all of these afflictions. The court has now made a major contribution to what my turn into an epidemic.

JAY SHAPIRO
Ginot Shomron.



Spying on friends

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

The attempt by US security circles to smear Israel's good name has mega-boomeranged, following the *Washington Post*'s "disclosure" of a high-level mole working for Israel operating in US intelligence circles.

Senior American intelligence specialists are deeply dismayed at the results of what was clearly a botched hatchet job against the Jewish state.

As a result of the newspaper's "leak," one of the National Security Agency's most precious secrets has been blown: The world now knows that NSA had perfected a superbly efficient and complex intercept technique, one beyond the imagination even of spy thriller writers.

Shock waves of seismic proportions were felt by officials at agency headquarters when they opened the paper and read all about their interception of a phone call between a senior Mossad agent in Washington and his superior in Tel Aviv.

Israeli and European security chiefs alike were astonished by the startling expose. "They thought somebody at NSA must have had a brainstorm," said a now-retired senior intelligence official with much experience in US security matters. "NSA does not disclose anything whatsoever about its activities.

When the *Washington Post* broke the shattering news that an Israeli mole codenamed Mega had been asked to procure the secret letter of assurances sent by former secretary of state Warren Christopher to PLO chief Yasser Arafat following the Hebron withdrawal, Israeli intelligence chiefs could hardly believe their ears.

For the lion that roared mightily from the *Post*'s printing presses had given birth to a very small mouse indeed. The contents of Christopher's letter had, after all, appeared in *Ha'aretz* not long after it was sent.

However, of far greater import than the amateurish "scoop" that would have shamed the editor of a comic book, what alarmed security highups in Israel was the fact of the intercept itself.

It had only one meaning... that Israel's much- vaunted electronic code system, called Silon (geyser in Hebrew) had been broken by NSA specialists.

About Silon, a French diplomat at one time strongly connected to Israeli military and security circles had this to say:

"The Israelis have such a wealth of computer and electronic expertise, it was clear to me without anyone giving away any secrets that their variable communication system was foolproof, and totally secure. To keep it that way it was constantly checked and upgraded.

This is still the opinion of specialists we have spoken to, one of whom told us: "The Americans are terrific when it comes to interception. But even so, there was only one way they could have broken Silon. And that is through a NSA mole operating inside Israeli intelligence.

The National Security Agency is working so hard eavesdropping on Israel that it neglects its real job: tracking the West's enemies

"I am certain that the Israelis are working full blast right now, weighing the consequences of the NSA interception."

The very same fears are jolting European intelligence services – particularly in Paris, where there has been a strong suspicion of NSA spending huge sums in bribing local security operatives worldwide to hand over top-secret electronic codes.

For the clue to the secret of the NSA penetration we need to go back over a decade, when the Russians shot 25 CIA local communication operatives. The man who betrayed them was CIA agent Aldrich Ames, who hid his treachery by telling his superiors that it was Jonathan Pollard who had revealed the operators' identities, via Israel, to the Soviet Union.

The possibility that there is an Israeli traitor in our intelligence community cannot be disregarded, for it has happened before.

Foreign newspapers revealed that an Israeli intelligence officer had been imprisoned in 1986 for selling secret information to Washington. He was tried secretly, and sent to prison.

Shimon Peres, then prime minister of a national unity government, agreed, with the backing of Yitzhak Rabin, to keep the matter quiet so as not to jeopardize relations with the US.

In 1982, during the Lebanese war, another Israeli was caught doing the same thing.

And Mordechai Vanunu betrayed his county by selling atomic secrets for a large sum of money. It was later dwarfed by the $12 million-plus Brig.-Gen. Rami Dotan took from an American aircraft manufacturer to purchase jet engines that were not necessarily the right ones for Israel's needs.

In short, there are native-born Israelis who are willing to sell their souls and endanger their country.

THE top priority now for Israeli and European intelligence chiefs following the *Washington Post* fiasco is to examine every aspect of a new situation in which their secret codes are an open book to the US.

Almost certainly the codes will have to be changed. There will also need to be a fresh staff screening operation. It all adds up to much work and heavy expense.

As for NSA, it will have to write off the many millions spent on creating sophisticated interception techniques, and start afresh recruiting an expanded informer network.

The FBI is said to be holding an investigation into the Mega mole theory.

There have been suggestions that despite the commotion over Mega, it was in reality just an ordinary telephone conversation. But the FBI is investigating what it calls an "intercept communication."

NSA bosses will also want to know why the "leak" to the *Washington Post* was not carefully vetted to avoid embarrassing the organization and revealing a key secret.

What troubles Israel's intelligence services is that NSA's main preoccupation seems to be eavesdropping on conversations between friendly powers, when its real task should be keeping watch on hostile nations and amassing vital information on international terror.

The Mega foulup will make this job even more difficult, since now the West's foes will also be taking precautions to protect their communication methods.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Even elderly Orthodox men have a little boy in them, yearning to break out sometimes. The swinging couple was spotted in Miami Beach. (Len Kaufman / Continental Magazine)

POSTSCRIPTS

THEY'RE STILL laughing about this at the *Washington Jewish Week*: someone at that newspaper received a letter in the mail bearing one of those American "Hanukka" stamps. Blazoned across the stamp was a postmark that read, naturally: "PLEASE MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS."

MAGGOTS THAT thrive on dead body tissue could be the latest weapon for plastic surgeons trying to save a patient's limb, a British doctor said.

Kenneth Graham, a plastic surgeon at University College Hospital in London, said he had used maggots to heal up badly infected wounds in six patients – with a little tickling sensation the only side-effect.

Graham said the maggots had several beneficial effects. They secrete an enzyme that breaks down dead tissue as they feast. Fluid that builds up in the wound washes away bacteria. He said the maggots also create alkaline conditions which are conducive to healing.

Graham said patients do not have to spend any time in surgery or in a hospital room.

One patient was "walking down Oxford Street" in London hours after treatment, with the maggots quietly doing their work as he shopped, Graham said.

The viewer sellout

MARK L. LEVINSON

I think the Shopping Channel is a decoy.

Jackie Gleason, the American comic, once told a story about his father, who hated fish.

Gleason's mother served him a slice of cod and a couple of dumplings. "If you don't want the fish, at least eat the dumplings," she said.

The old man didn't know that the dumplings he was enjoying were made of gefilte fish.

I think that the cable TV people in Israel gave us the Shopping Channel – huckstering at its crassest – like a pallid, rubbery slice of cod served for the purpose of being rejected as we proceed to consume the same thing in disguise.

Television today, under nominal government supervision, is a dumpling made mostly of profiteering; and it is getting fishier.

Scarcely have we come down from dismantling our rooftop antennas than the Peled Committee, embraced by the government, is announcing that we should all put satellite dishes up there to receive additional programming in the name of healthy competition.

There are two dozen empty channels on cable, but the government would rather induce us to purchase another infrastructure than let these new competitors use the existing one.

Meanwhile, let's make the basic cable service cheaper, says the Peled Committee, and only those who want extra cable channels will pay more.

You'll forgive me for assuming in advance that the good stuff on cable will be way extra.

IS this the same country where, in the 1970s, color was erased from TV broadcasts to spare the economy from overspending on home entertainment?

There's a very fishy odor emanating from my TV set these days, accompanied by the constant clinking of coins

Is this the country that gave us the *Kolbotek* consumer broadcasts, Arabic lessons with Shaike Ophir, the *Pillar of Fire* history series?

Alas, it's not even the same country that, several years ago, stopped the Lebanese evangelical station from broadcasting in Hebrew. Now our Christian neighbors there can propagandize us freely, as long as they run ads for Israeli businesses.

The Peled Committee sells us all out, from the squalling sabra schoolchild to the stooped Ethiopian *kes*.

It wants to abolish educational TV and army radio, and it already has approval for five new commercial stations: news, Arabic, religion, music, and Russian/Amharic.

What kind of news are we going to get from a station that runs on advertising? Judging from other countries' experience, lots of interviews with the young and glib to make us feel chipper about the world, and lots of sensationalist reporting to make us say, "Thank goodness we're better off."

We will get only what will keep us contented and trusting as we enter the pause for advertisements. It will be programming for people with money to spend, displaying nothing to offend the fatcats or furrow the public brow.

How can a Russian/Amharic *channel serve immigrants* properly when its primary purpose is to sell them as much merchandise as possible? How can a religious channel serve both God and Mammon? Will there be nothing educational?

Left to the mercies of capitalism, educational programming in America has gone largely underfunded. Are private philanthropists here any richer or bigger-hearted?

For the first time in its history Israel has a businessman as prime minister. The government wants to distance even the schools themselves from its cashbox, while paradoxically hoping that science-based industry will make us all prosperous. But in Britain the Thatcherist government, with its emphasis on small government and big business, has fallen.

The time is likely to come here, too, when the voters wake up and smell the fish. It is not getting any fresher.

The writer is a Herzliya-based freelancer.

NO TELEPHONE SUBMISSIONS

Laying limits for missile warfare

The president of Tel Aviv University, an international law expert, is trying to draft global guidelines on the conduct of air battle, Steve Rodan reports

Iran's got them. Syria's got them. Even the Palestinians are trying to get them. That's the story of the Middle East missile race confronting Israel.

Far from the missile batteries is Yoram Dinstein, who is trying to figure out if all this is legal.

Dinstein, a prominent expert on international law and president of Tel Aviv University, is one of the organizers of an effort by leading jurists to draft guidelines on the conduct of air war. The questions his panel, working in San Remo, Italy, are addressing include the following: When can countries use missiles and against what targets; what targets can be bombed from the air; how can the international community maintain no-fly zones; and how can airborne medical relief be ensured?



Prof. Yoram Dinstein

In other words, Dinstein says, how do countries at war ensure that civilians on the ground don't bear the brunt of the battle?

The first and only time an international agreement was drafted on air battle was in 1923, before the days of missiles or strategic bombing.

"Until 1943, bombers were so imprecise that they did not cause any military damage," Dinstein says. "Moreover, the entire issue of missile warfare is so new, and Israel has probably more experience in facing the missile threat than most."

The Arab missile buildup, Dinstein points out, has been formidable. Syria is said to have 1,000 missiles. Iran is developing a huge arsenal. The Palestinians, Israeli security sources say, are trying to smuggle in Katyusha rockets. The matter is further complicated given that in an air war, decisions are far more rapid than in either a battle on sea or land.

"In land warfare, you have a flag," Dinstein says. "You could put up signs. You could do the same with ships and anybody can see whether that ship is neutral. But in the air everything is so fast, it requires immediate decisions."

The missile issue is perhaps the most immediate and least understood, Dinstein says. How can a country fire missiles at another and claim that they are not being aimed at civilians? During the 1991 Gulf War, Dinstein says, the Iraqis fired 42 missiles at Israel. All but a handful were fired toward Tel Aviv.

That conclusion, however, would clearly favor the Western nations, whose missiles are far more accurate than those in the Middle East. In the Gulf War, the US Tomahawk missile had a reported accuracy of 85 percent, high enough, in Dinstein's view, to allow its limited use to destroy military targets in enemy cities such as Baghdad.

"What if one side has smart bombs and the other doesn't?" Dinstein asks. "Smart bombs might be too expensive, or one side can claim that why should it use smart bombs when the other side doesn't?"

Currently, Dinstein says, international law has not addressed the missile issue. In 1987, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the US agreed on the guidelines of the transfer of equipment and technology related to missiles, known as the MCTR. This agreement addresses proliferation rather than the use of missiles in war.

So, the questions persist. What about the use of nonconventional warheads? The 1993 Convention on the Prohibition on the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction, contains the unconditional ban on the use of chemical weapons. This would theoretically mean that a country struck by enemy chemical warheads could not retaliate in kind.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS, however, appear to have legal sanction. In July 1986, the International Court of Justice at the Hague was asked about the allowance of nuclear weapons. The court's opinion was fuzzy, Dinstein says, but did not rule out their use.

The international court ruled that the conduct of nuclear war is related to the use of force enshrined in the United Nations Charter and that "the use of force that is proportionate under the law of self-defense, must, in order to be lawful, also meet the requirements of the law applicable in armed conflict."

The court added, "However, in view of the current state of international law, and of the elements of fact at its disposal, the court cannot conclude definitively whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be lawful or unlawful in an extreme circumstance of self-defense, in which the very survival of a state would be at stake."

Other issues include the legality of anti-missile defense. Could Israel, for example, preempt an enemy missile attack and claim it was acting in legitimate self-defense?

It's a question that US officials debated several years ago when approving American funding for the Arrow anti-missile defense system, diplomatic sources recall.

The US experts concluded that the Arrow, which attempts to intercept and destroy enemy missiles in the targeted country, does not pose any legal problems in international law.

But Israel and the US are working on another missile system that some US experts find problematic. This is the Boost Phased Intercept, in which an enemy missile is destroyed in the first stage of launch.

The result is that the missile debris is scattered on enemy territory. If the warhead of the destroyed missile is nonconventional then the results could be disastrous for the aggressor.

William Dalton, acting deputy general counsel of the US Defense Department, addressed this issue at the Gillman colloquium. He points to the United Nations Charter, Article 51, which does not impair the right of self-defense "if an armed attack occurs..." Dalton says the language is vague. Does it mean that a threatened nation can preempt an attack? In its rules for engagement drafted in 1994, the US military allows for a preemptive strike.

What about terrorist organizations? Unlike states, they are difficult to penetrate, and target countries can rarely anticipate their actions. If Hamas or Islamic Jihad is planning to fire rockets from Gaza, for example, does Israel have the right of preemption?

Other questions involve the right of reprisals. The UN Charter appears to define reprisals as permissible only in the context of self-defense. Does that include a US reprisal for the bombing of the US military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in which 19 US soldiers were killed?

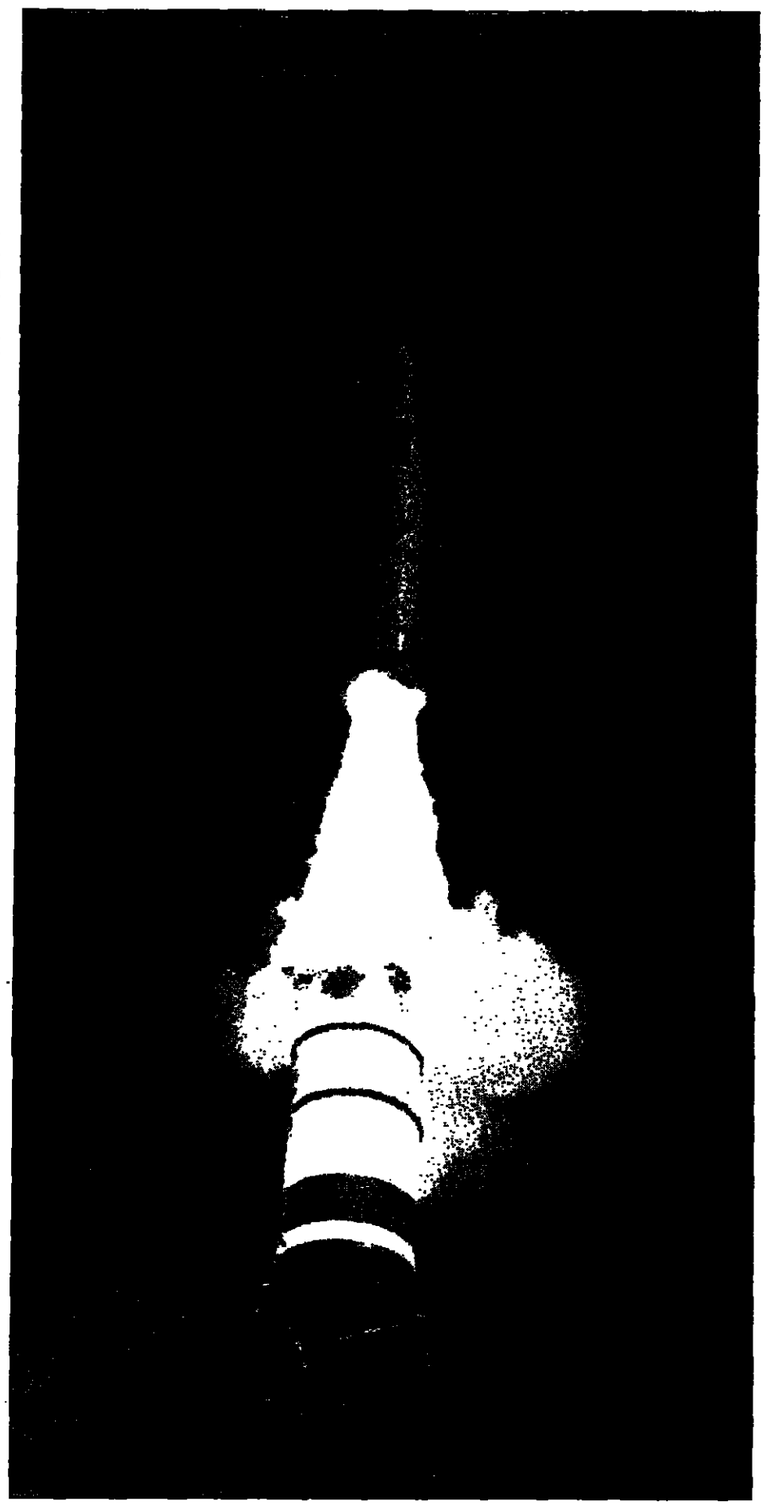
Dinstein says the formulation of guidelines on air warfare will take years of work. His last effort, a covenant on sea warfare, took 10 years at San Remo. In the aftermath of the colloquium, he says, the university will publish a book of all the scholarly papers presented. Next year, he hopes, he and other jurists will meet in Europe to obtain international input on the conduct of air warfare.

The TAU president acknowledges that a major problem with any guidelines drafted will be enforcement. The Middle East, he says, has the largest number of human rights violations. Chemical warfare has been conducted several times since the 1960s. Prisoners of war have usually been tortured.

But Dinstein says international law has not been ignored, even in this region, if only out of fear that it will lead to massive retaliation.

"A jurist always knows the law and the reality," he says. "If you look at the Ten Commandments, it says, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill.' Is there murder going on? Of course. But if you are a jurist you see this as an exception to the rule.

"In international conduct, there aren't that many incidents, but there are violations. This must be fought."



Fire away: International law has not addressed missile warfare.

If Hamas or Islamic Jihad is planning to fire rockets from Gaza does Israel have the right of preemption?

The Iraqis, Dinstein says, claimed that they were aiming at the Israel's Defense Ministry, which he calls a legitimate military target. But not one missile even came close to the ministry compound.

"This was indiscriminate bombing," Dinstein says. "You have to fire on military targets and ensure that the action achieves its purpose."

Rein Mullerson, a professor of international law at King's College in London, agrees. At TAU's Howard Gillman International Colloquium on Air and Missile Warfare, Mullerson argued that the Iraqi attacks on Tel Aviv and Riyadh were meant to terrorize civilians rather than destroy military targets.

"Expensive, inaccurate and highly destructive weapons will only produce [the] desired effect when hitting soft and unprotected large targets, such as civilians or civilian objects," Mullerson said.

There's a very odor emanat from my TV these days accompanied constant clin of coins

Not Page One



NIS 6 million at the end of the tunnel

By Sam Orbaum

Why Jerusalem needs this tunnel I can't understand.

No, not *that* tunnel.

If you drive down Ben-Zvi Boulevard, with Wolfson Towers on your right and Sacher Park on your left, you come to Bezalel Street. (If you get to the Statue of Liberty, you've gone too far.) At Bezalel, you turn right to go to Shalom Felafel, or turn left onto newly-built Ma'ar Road, to drive through the capital's latest architectural marvel: the Ma'ar Tunnel.

Or is it a bridge?

It's a huge waste of money, that's what it is.

As popular wisdom has it, a tunnel is something that goes through or under, with the assumption that there's something above or around it. It's a concept so basic I'm sure they don't even explain it in Tunnel Building 101.

If you're lucky enough to get a red light at Bezalel, take a quick look at the tunnel. It's a handsome piece of work – faced with expensive Jerusalem stone, with a pretty design up front. It's four lanes wide and 120 meters long, well lit and utterly overdone. You know what's above it? Its own roof.

The tunnel's only use is as a bridge. For the benefit of readers who don't live across the street, a brief description of the environs would be helpful. Sacher Park (or, to softballers trying in vain to claim a little space, Soccer Park) is a lovely green stretch littered with broken glass for half a year following Mimouna celebrations. A year ago the municipality ran a road through it to link up two sectors of the city. The road, a good idea in itself, cut off a tiny chunk of the park from the remainder, but it hardly mattered, because that northern tip was not used much.

Somebody at City Hall decided it was worth spending NIS 6 million to maintain the continuity, and a few more *grushim* to build a children's playground on the northern tip, I suppose to justify the need for the ground-level tunnel.

I thought I'd call City Hall for the usual good explanation...

"Thank you for calling City Hall, how can I help you?"

"Hello, I'd like some information please, about the Ma'ar Tunnel."

"Quite a scandal, isn't it, sir? I'm sure the mayor will want to apologize personally. If you don't mind waiting for just a moment I'll put you right through."

No, you're right, it didn't happen quite like that.

"Hello, City Hall?"

"What!"

"I'd like –"

"Wait!"

"Hello? Hello?"

"Nobody's here. Everybody's busy. Call back tomorrow."

"Whom should I call to ask about the cost of building the Ma'ar Tunnel?"

"Who are you?"

"A taxpayer."

"Then it's none of your business."

That's more like what we've come to expect, but it's even further from the truth. An exceedingly helpful lady named Ariela at the municipality's Spokesman's Office took down all my questions and promised to call me back. And she did. She then put me in touch with a spokesman for Hevrat Moriah, which together with Minerav Co. developed and built the road.

"The tunnel was a condition of the municipality for building the road. They wanted to maintain the park's continuity," the spokesman explained. Why not just reduce the park's size by about 5 percent by ending it at the road, and save the money? The city, he answered, wasn't prepared to consider that option.

All right, then: why couldn't they build a much more modest footbridge, if it was so critical to connect Sacher Park with its forlorn appendage? (The Moriah spokesman gave a figure of NIS 3 million for such a structure.) The playground could have been set up on the other side, though even that's negligibly necessary: the park already has a playground.

If you're lucky enough to get a red light at Bezalel, take a quick look at the tunnel.

Six million shekels. Was there nothing more urgent to spend it on?

Maybe they could recoup the expenditure with a bit of shrewd direct taxation, like setting up a tollbooth on top of the tunnel, and charging toddlers a shekel each to get to the playground. At the rate it's used, let's see ... 30 shekels a day, six days a week (we'll let 'em use it free on Shabbat) ... it can easily be paid off by the year 2638.

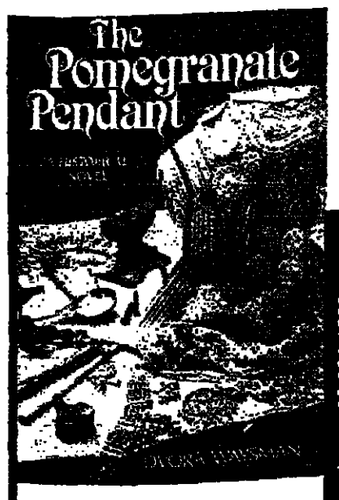
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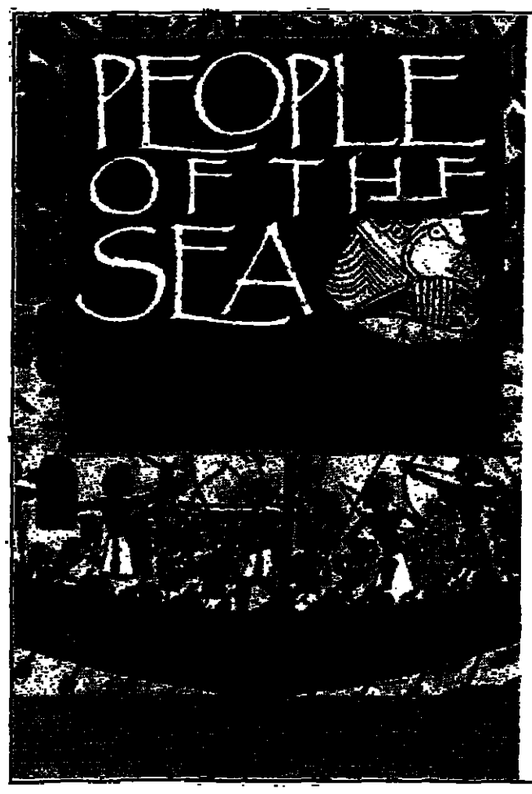
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RESULTS

in brief

Gilat net up 15% to $3.1m.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. yesterday reported a 15 percent increase in first-quarter net profits to $3.1m., compared to $2.7m. in the same period last year.

Revenues for the quarter totalled $21.1m., a 36% increase over the corresponding period in 1996.

On Monday, the company successfully completed the private placement of $75m. worth of convertible subordinated notes. The notes, which are due in 2004, will not be redeemable for three years from the date of issuance.

They will be convertible into Gilat ordinary shares at an initial conversion price of $42 per share. Some of the money raised through the offering will be used to finance the establishment and operation of telephone networks in remote regions.

Jennifer Friedlin

Crystal Systems moves into red

Crystal Systems Solutions Ltd.'s first-quarter net losses totalled $239,000, compared to net income of $386,000 in the same period last year.

The company's revenue soared 441% to $3.56m. from $658,000 in the corresponding period one year ago. Following the release of the results on Monday, the Herzliya-based company's share price closed at $18.50, a 5% increase over the previous day.

The company said that the drop in income was the result of increased investment in research and development.

The company invested $435,000 in R&D in the first quarter of 1997, compared to $171,000 in the first period of 1996.

Jennifer Friedlin

EduSoft net sharply up

EduSoft Ltd.'s first-quarter net income rose to $460,000, compared to $52,000 in the corresponding period one year ago.

Revenue for the quarter jumped 75% to $3.01m. compared to $1.72m. in the first quarter of 1996.

The company's stock jumped 33% to $3.25 on Tuesday, following the release of the quarterly results. The company attributed the increase in revenues to improved sales in Latin America, Europe, and North America.

EduSoft recently launched Virtual Classrooms, its Internet-based educational applications. Based in Tel Aviv, EduSoft develops multimedia educational software. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Bank of Israel calls for creation of monetary council

By DAVID HARRIS

The Bank of Israel is proposing the creation of a new basic law for the bank and a board of monetary experts to aid the governor achieve the government-set monetary targets, central bank research department head Leo Leiderman said yesterday.

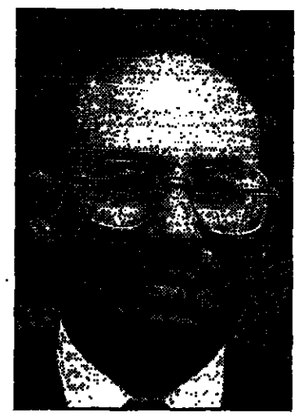
Governor Jacob Frenkel, who for the past two years was subjected to scathing attacks by industrialists and politicians who loathed his strong-shekel policies and sought to obstruct his maneuvering room, will present this proposal, along with a package of other recommendations for the reform of the central bank, to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu before the end of the month, bank sources said.

The document will call for the creation of a basic law for the bank to replace the existing Bank of Israel Law passed in 1954. Speaking at a top-level round-table discussion of the bank's future organized by the Israel Democracy Institute, Frenkel outlined four criteria:

• The importance of achieving stability in all the key areas according to government targets. To do this, the bank is proposing the publication of a semi-annual report examining the performance of the previous half year and expectations for the coming half.



Dan Meridor



Jacob Frenkel (Isaac Harari)

• The guarantee of full independence for the central bank to enable it to achieve the desired stability.

• The guarantee of transparency and accountability to the government, Knesset, and public.

• The establishment of a decision-making framework within the bank. This includes the creation of a monetary board, to be headed by the governor and comprising experts independent of the bank.

All appointees would have to be free of any conflict of interest. "This will strengthen the stature and capacity to act of the governor to achieve the government's targets," Frenkel said.

Any legislation must be originated by the government, according to Frenkel – a possible reference to former finance minister Avraham Shohat's now frozen attempt to change the Bank of Israel Law to include a board of governors.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor used the debate to attack the bank's apparent war on inflation to the detriment of all else.

"Some in the International Monetary Fund and perhaps Bank of Israel want to make fighting inflation their main role," he said. "I believe it is forbidden to make this the key aim. The independence of the bank should not be changed, but agreement must be reached over policy."

Joining the debate via videophone from Vienna, IMF vice-president Stanley Fischer pointed out that evidence shows that where there is a fully independent bank, there is often higher growth.

The aim, according to Frenkel is for the Bank of Israel to follow Western European models, where independence of the bank is guaranteed in law.

Clal, Gura mull selling Clal Pharm

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Clal Trading, the holding company that has a 50% stake in pharmaceutical retailer Clal Pharm, is exploring with Ze'ev Gura, owner of the company's remaining shares, the sale the chain, Menahem Dotan, Clal Trading's spokesman, confirmed yesterday.

However, Dotan refused to confirm a report in *Ha'aretz* which suggested the two will sign an agreement next week to issue a tender for the sale.

The article also said that Super Pharm would attempt to purchase the company, a step that would bring the issue before the Antitrust Authority. Before Super Pharm could purchase Clal Pharm, the authority would have to determine whether this would give Super Pharm a monopoly in the retail pharmaceutical market.

Both Lior Reitblatt, director-general of Super Pharm, and David Tadmor, director-general of the Antitrust Authority, refused to comment.

"Any comment about the procedures of the Antitrust Authority would constitute a comment about [the article], and I don't want to comment about this," Tadmor said.

The talks between Clal and Gura reflect Clal Trading's broader strategy to sell off some of its diverse holdings and to focus on its core companies, Dotan said.

Clal Trading, whose holdings include shipping, overnight delivery, and biochemical concerns, reported a 90% drop in net profits in 1996 to NIS 2.21b. from NIS 23.35b. in 1995.

Two weeks ago, Clal Trading announced the sale of its holding in Poster Media.

Indigo sales drop, loss narrows

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Indigo NV, the beleaguered manufacturer of electronic color printing products which announced a restructuring program at the end of 1996, yesterday announced that it advanced toward the black in the first quarter of 1997.

The Dutch-based company, which has production facilities in Israel and an Israeli leadership, said net losses for the first quarter were down 18%, totalling $17.8m., compared to $21.6m. in the corresponding period last year.

Meanwhile, revenue for the quarter was $20.6m., a 27% drop from the same period last year.

Following the announcement of the results in New York on Monday, Indigo's Nasdaq-traded stock rose 6% to close at $4.625. The stock continued its upward climb, trading at $5.25 in early morning trading yesterday.

The company, whose massive restructuring program is designed to return it to its former glory as one of Israel's most internationally lauded high-tech firms and to secure its position as a leader in the electronic printing market, said the results are in line with expectations.

"Nothing here was unpredicted, not by us, not by the analysts," said CEO Benny Landa. "We have put a tremendous emphasis on sales capacity, doubling it since the end of the third quarter. We hope to see a reflection in the upcoming quarters."

However, some analysts said the results indicate that Indigo is quickly running out of time.

"I don't see a lot of future in this company," said Mark Meiras, managing director of Pacific Mediterranean, a Herzliya-based investment firm. "Companies like this give Israeli high-tech a bad name."

Jim Rashooti, an analyst at Lehman Brothers in New York, was more optimistic.

"We're seeing signs of improvement in the company's profitability and some improvement in its gross margins. This is clearly not going to be a fast turnaround," Rashooti said.

In March, Indigo, which once traded at a high of $60, announced a restructuring plan that resulted in the recent dismissal of its president and CEO as well as the president of Indigo America. Annual savings resulting from the recent management change are expected to be some $2m. A restructuring charge in excess of $3m. was recorded this quarter.

In March, the company also reported that it had received $20m. through a private placement. The money is designated for research and development and to enhance its marketing channels. Since slashing its work force from 1,300 at its height in mid-1995 to 750 in March, the company has employed more salespeople, and expects to continue increasing its sales force in the coming months.



AIG: Mideast political twists don't affect us

By GABI BASHAN

"We have not been affected by the political changes that have overtaken the region in the past year, and we are fully confident of the opportunities available here," Ralph Mosrino, board chairman of American International Group (AIG), the US based insurance company, said yesterday.

Mosrino made this comment at a press conference announcing the company's commencing operations in Israel next Sunday.

AIG's prices will be up to 40 percent lower than market. CEO Bruce Waters said, however, that his company did not intend to sell at dumping prices.

"We have not come here to bite off a market share, but to make money," said Waters.

AIG's annual turnover stands at $28 billion. By comparison, the Israeli insurance market volume altogether amounts to an annual $5 billion. The company's 1996 earnings totalled $2.9 billion.

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2. The bidder does not have on his staff a person who participated in writing the technical portion of the technical specification, and/or will be engaged in checking bids.

Last date for submitting proposals: June 15, 1997, at 11 a.m.

Additional Participation Pre-conditions:
A. Participation in the tender is also subject to complying with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e., registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for businesses).
B. The Israel Electric Corporation reserves the right to allow a bidder who has not provided some required certificate, permit, license, or any other document, to make good this omission, within a period of time to be fixed by the Corporation.

The tender documents may be obtained Sunday - Thursday, at the Market Research and Tenders Dept., 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment (non-returnable) of the cost of the documents into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address (Tel. 04-8615455/4). Before being purchased, the tender documents may be perused at the offices of the Market Research and Tenders Department, address as above, or the Sales Unit, 90 Yigal Alon, Tel Aviv, Ashdar Building, Entrance B, Floor 1, Tel. 03-5654641, 03-5654679, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope, and placed in Tenders Box No. 1, in the Pal Yam Building, Haifa, address as above.
No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.
NOTE. In appropriate cases, the Electric Corporation will give preference to suppliers, in accordance with the Tenders Regulations (Preference for Locally Produced Goods, and Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation).
The Electric Corporation retains the right to negotiate, where this is legally permissible.

Because of the Shavuot holiday, the Corporation's offices will be closed on June 10 & 11.

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TENDERS

The Israel Electric Corporation wishes to *purchase by tender:*

Tender No.: 603874 For: Water and Steam Analyzing System
Specification: CM-805
Cost of tender documents, including VAT: NIS 1755
Stage A - Request for technical proposals
Participation pre-conditions:
1. The bidder must have well proven technical services and maintenance facilities in Israel
2. The bidder or the bidder's subcontractor/consulting company must have proven experience in the design, supply, erection and commissioning of water and steam analysis systems in power stations, the systems to be in accordance with EPRI or TUV requirements.
3. The project staff shall include the contractor's permanent employees only.

Last date for submitting proposals: July 21, 1997, at 11 a.m.

Additional participation pre-conditions:
A. Participation in the tender is also subject to complying with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e., registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for businesses).
B. The Israel Electric Corporation reserves the right to allow a bidder who has not provided some required certificate, permit, license, or any other document, to make good this omission, within a period of time to be fixed by the Corporation.

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Bids should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Project Management Department, Room 710, Floor 7, Pal Am Building, Haifa, at the above address, by the above stated time.
No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.
NOTE. In appropriate cases, the Electric Corporation will give preference to suppliers, in accordance with the Tenders Regulations *(Preference for Locally Produced Goods, and Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation).*
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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.625	1.625	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (14.5.97)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.6582	3.7173	—	—	3.6942
U.S. dollar	3.3649	3.4192	3.30	3.47	3.3990
German mark	1.9736	2.0055	1.93	2.04	1.9913
Pound sterling	5.5036	5.5924	5.40	5.68	5.5616
French franc	0.5860	0.5955	0.57	0.61	0.5913
Japanese yen (100)	2.8345	2.8803	2.78	2.93	2.8639
Dutch florin	1.7548	1.7830	1.72	1.81	1.7710
Swiss franc	2.3275	2.3651	2.28	2.40	2.3503
Swedish krona	0.4398	0.4469	0.43	0.46	0.4440
Norwegian krone	0.4773	0.4850	0.46	0.50	0.4818
Danish krone	0.5183	0.5267	0.50	0.54	0.5232
Finnish mark	0.6545	0.6651	0.64	0.68	0.6608
Canadian dollar	2.4239	2.4630	2.38	2.50	2.4486
Australian dollar	2.6180	2.6603	2.57	2.70	2.6453
S. African rand	0.7510	0.7632	0.68	0.77	0.7589
Belgian franc (10)	0.9562	0.9717	0.93	0.98	0.9647
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8032	2.8485	2.75	2.89	2.8296
Italian lira (1000)	2.0024	2.0347	1.98	2.07	2.0218
Jordanian dinar	4.7459	4.8225	4.68	5.00	4.8098
Egyptian pound	0.9800	1.0400	0.96	1.04	1.0707
ECU	3.8493	3.9114	—	—	3.8855
Irish punt	5.1019	5.1842	5.01	5.26	5.1559
Spanish pesata (100)	2.3385	2.3763	2.29	2.41	2.3600

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	41.9375	0
Ampal American Israel	4.75	+0
Etz Lavud	5.375	+0.5625
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.3125	+0.0625
Integrated Technology	1.1875	+0.0625
Carmel Containers Sys	8.625	-1.375

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accent Software	1.5625	-0.1875
A.G. Associates	5	-0.25
Aladdin	11.875	+0.375
Ampal	14.5	0
Aral	1.25	-0.125
Arzam	1.15625	+0.15625
Better Online Solutions	5.5	+0.5
Bio Technology General	16	+0.25
B.V.R. Technologies	4.875	+0
Checkpoint Software	29.875	+1
Cimatron	4.875	+0.375
Comverse Technology	45.75	-0.5
Crystal Systems Solutions	17.875	-0.625
Fourth Dimension Software	10.4375	+0
D.S.P. Communications	9.25	+0.3125
D.S.P.G. Group	10.375	+0.25
D.S.P.T. Tech	5.375	+0
Defense Software Systems	5.4375	-0.5625
ECI Telecom	22	-0.375
Edusoft	4.25	+1
Electric Fuel	8	+0.25
Electronics for Imaging	43.25	-0.375
Elbit Computers	2.3125	-0.03125
Elron Electronics	13.5	+0
Elbit Medical Imaging	6.46875	-0.03125
E.S.C. Medical Systems	25.25	+0.375
Elbit Systems Ltd	8	-0.375
Elsak Circuit Boards	2.625	0
Elbit Vision Systems	11.375	+0
M-Systems Flash Disk	4.75	+0
Gilat Satellite Networks	31.125	-2.375
Genesis Bras	5	-0.1875
Geoteck	5.3125	+0.25
Healthcare Technologies	0.40625	-0.0625
Home Center	5.75	+0.25
I.C.T.S.	7.875	+0.5
Idan Software Industries	0.40625	+0
IIC Industries	45.5	-0.25
I.I.S. Intelligent info	1.375	-0.03125
Israel Land Develop - ADR	14.5	0
Indigo	5.25	+0.625
First Israel	13.625	+0.25
Isramco	0.5625	-0.03125
Laser Technologies	13.375	-0.125
Lan Optics	6.25	0
Logal	3.5	+0
Level Systems	14.25	-0.25
Madge	6.125	-0.1875
Magal Security Systems	5.125	+0
Matav	14.375	-0.25
Medis El	8.625	-0.125
Memco	13.125	+0.25
Mercury	12.75	-0.125
Magic Software Enterprises	6.71875	-0.03125
Netmanage	3.375	-0.21875
Nice Systems	26.75	+0
Neuro-Medical Systems	7.25	-0.125
Nur Tecnology	1.25	0
Nexus	-	-
Orbotech	24.875	-0.875
Orckit	10.375	+0
Oshap Technologies	7.125	+0.5
Parmos	1.21875	-0.0625
Rada Electronics Ind	2.6875	+0.03125
Ariely Advertising	2.75	-0.0625
Ehed Robotec (1982) Ltd	0.78125	+0
Scitex Corporations	7.75	+0.25
Silicom	5.625	+0.625
ISG Intl Software Group	10.25	+0.625
Summit Design	8.125	-0.125
Sapiens International	3.3125	-0.0625
Scanvec	2.5	+0
Taro Vit Ind	6.5	+0.125
Tat Technologies	1.1875	+0
Technomatix Technologies	31.125	-0.25
Teva	60	+2.375
Top Image Systems	4.625	+0
Teledata Communications	25.125	+0.875
Tower Semiconductor	13.125	+0
Tadiran Telecomm	18.375	+0.25
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	5	+0
TVG Technologies	1.125	0
Vocaltec	8.75	-0.125
Wiz Tec Solutions	6.5625	+0.0625
Zag Industries Ltd	15.6875	-0.1875
Zoran Corporation	18.75	-1.25

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Blue Square	19.25	-0.375
Elscint	7	+0
PEC Israel Economic Corp	20.25	+0.375
Koor	17.75	+0.125
Simula Inc	15.75	+0.625
Tadiran	25.75	+0

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-MAY-97)
*in US dollars

MISHTANIM LEADING 100 TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Al Paper Mills	14280.0	1.0
Ackerstein Ind.	423.0	0.7
Africa Hotels	482.0	0.4
Africa Israel 0.1	23653.0	-0.5
Africa Israel 1	187319.0	1.5
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	0.0	0.0
Agan	8931.0	0.0
Agis	3516.0	0.0
Azorim	3927.0	0.5
Bank Leumi 0.1	527.0	-0.8
Baran	2729.0	2.5
Bezeq	884.0	-1.2
Blue Square	3781.0	0.7
Bromine	2256.0	1.5
Caniel	3068.0	-1.0
Clal Computers	9686.0	-2.0
Clal Electronics	38168.0	0.0
Clal Industries	1738.0	0.0
Clal Insurance	3399.0	1.0
Clal Israel 1	106.0	1.8
Clal Trade	1191.0	-2.0
Cold Storage 5	8187.0	1.2
Dead Sea Works 0.1	1162.0	1.0
Delek 0.1	10051.0	-2.0
Delek Car	894.0	0.4
Development Mort.	26597.0	1.5
Discount 01	41.9	-2.1
Discount Bank	361.0	-0.6
Discount Inv.	27624.0	4.0
Elbit 0.003	799.0	0.0
Elbit imaging	2165.0	0.5
Elbit system	3086.0	-1.5
Elco	2653.0	0.8
Electra	15300.0	0.0
Electra App.	2237.0	1.5
Elite Ind. 5	8437.0	1.5
Elron 0.003	4574.0	-1.5
Export Inv.	1275.0	1.0
FIBI 5	60964.0	0.0
Feuchtwanger 5	48628.0	-0.5
First Int'l 1	48881.0	0.0
First Int'l 5	264170.0	0.8
Formula	5170.0	-0.7
General Bank	10727.0	-1.3
Hapoalim 0.1	722.0	0.6
Harel Mishmar 5	16720.0	0.0
I.D.B. Dev.	7783.0	0.2
I.D.B. Holdings	7267.0	0.7
I.L.D.C.	1633.0	-1.5
Ind Bldgs	510.0	0.0
Israel Chemicals	393.0	-0.5
Israel Corp. 1	21341.0	-0.2
Israel Corp. 5	91552.0	0.0
Isramco	3.9	0.0
JEC	1477.0	-0.3
Kardan 5	1857.0	-2.3
Kitan	455.0	-2.6
Koor	30065.0	0.3
Koor Bond 5	136.0	0.0
Leumi Insurance	219.0	2.3
Leumi Mortgage	81220.0	0.0
Liraz	2507.0	0.0
Makhteshim	2113.0	-1.5
Malibu 5	4582.0	-3.2
Maritime Bank	1648.0	3.3
Mashov	308.0	-3.1
Matav	2466.0	0.0
Mehadrin	9509.0	0.0
Middle East Tube	440.0	0.0
Mishkan	56480.0	-1.0
Mivtach Shamir	2158.0	0.0
Moffet	173.0	0.3
Mul-T-Lock	1116.0	0.3
Nice Systems	8888.0	-1.5
Ormat Industries	364.0	0.0
Osem Industries	1892.0	0.7
Otzar Hashilton	15158.0	1.8
Packer Steel	8054.0	-3.0
Penclase	1491.0	0.0
Petrochemicals	2149.0	0.8
Phoenix Ins. 1	4197.0	0.5
Poalim Inv.	13606.0	-2.0
Polgat B 4	947.0	-1.5
Prop & Bldg	27136.0	-0.7
Rogosin	2051.0	0.0
Salt Industries	951.0	0.7
Secom	401.0	0.0
Shekem	112.5	0.0
Supersol	1070.0	0.8
TAP	402.0	0.8
TAT 5	1739.0	0.2
Tadiran	8849.0	-1.2
Tambour	697.0	-4.8
Team Computers	5570.0	1.0
Tefahot	244327.0	0.8
Teuza Insured	141.0	-3.1
Teva	19371.0	-0.5
United Steel	262.0	0.4
Urdan	331.0	-1.2
Wire and Cables	1133.0	0.7
Ytong Industries	905.0	0.8

*In percentage points

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	29.625	+0
AMP Inc	38.875	-0.375
AMR Corp	96.375	-0
ASA	32.625	-0.375
Abbott Labs	64.875	+0.75
Advanced Micro	43.125	-0.75
Aetna Life	97.625	-1
Affiliated Publ	17.625	+0.375
Aflac	45.5	-0.125
Ahmanson (HF)	41	+1
Air Prods	74	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	28.625	+0.125
Albertson's	33	+0.125
Alcan Aluminum	35.125	-0.125
Alex & Alex	-	-
Allegheny Power	27.375	+0.375
Allied Signal	76.125	+1
Alcoa	72.375	-1.125
Amax	36.75	+0
Amdahl Corp	8.4375	-0.0625
Amerada Hess	52.375	+0.5
Amer Brands	53.625	+0.75
Amer El Power	41	+0.375
Amer Express	68.375	+0.125
Amer Genl Corp	44.625	+0
Amer Greeting	32.75	+0.25
Amer Home Pr	73.625	+0.75
Amer Int'l	133.5	+1.625
Amer Natl Ins	83	+1
Amer Power Conv	20.5	-0.625
Amer Stores	46.875	+1.25
Amer T & T	32.625	-0.25
Ameritech	64	+0.625
Ametek Inc	23	-0.25
Amgen	63.9375	+1.4375
Amoco	86	-0.75
Analog Devices	27	-0.125
Anheuser-Busch	43.375	-0.375
Aon Corp	71.5	+0.25
Apple Computer	17.6875	+0.125
Applied Magnetics	26.5	-2.875
Applied Materials	63.8438	+3.40625
Archer Daniels	19.375	+0.5
Armco	3.75	+0
Armstrong World	66.5	+0.375
Asarco	30.875	+1
Ashland Coal	26.125	+0.125
Ashland Oil	45.5	+0.25
AST Research	5.3125	+0.03125
Atlantic Richfld	143.375	-1.375
Auto Data Pro	49	+0.375
Autodesk	38.5625	+0.4375
Avery Dennison	39	+0
Avnet Inc	62	+0
Avon Products	61.375	+0.125
Balmco Corp	7.375	+0
Baker Hughes	37.875	-0.125
Ball Corp	27.25	+0.5
Baltimore Gas	28	-0.25
Banc One Corp	42.5	+0.125
Bandag	49.25	+0.25
BankAmerica	120.875	+4
Bank of Boston	76.25	+0.75
Bank of New Yk	42.5	+1.25
Bankers Trst NY	82.75	+0.625
Barnett Banks	50.625	+0.125
Battle Mount Gd	5.875	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	40.625	-0.25
Baxter Intl	48.625	+0.625
Bay Network	19.875	+0.25
Becton Dickinson	48.5	+0
Bell Atlantic	67.875	-0.5
Bell Industries	18	+0.75
BellSouth	44.625	+0.5
HA Belo Corp	38.75	+0.75
Beneficial Corp	65.25	-0.5
Bethlehem Steel	9.625	-0.25
Beverly Entprs	14.5	+0
Biomet	17	-0.1875
Black & Decker	34.625	+0.375
Boeing	99.625	-0.375
Boise Cascade	35.25	-0.25
Bowater Inc	47.75	+1.25
Briggs & Strtn	49.875	+0
Brist Myrs Sqb	71.625	+2.5
Brit Airwys ADR	123.625	+7.625
Brit Steel ADR	24.125	+0
Brit Telecom	73.875	+0.125
Brooklyn Union	27.625	+0
Brown Group	18	-0.25
Brown & Sharpe	13.75	-0.125
Browning Ferris	31.625	-0.125
Brunswick	31.25	+0.5
Burlington Nthn	80.875	-0.125
CBS Inc	25.5	-0.625
CMS Energy Corp	34	+0.375
CPC Intern	85.875	-0.125
CSX Corporation	49.75	+0.625
Cabot Corp	24.625	+0
Campbell Soup	49.5	+1.5
Capital Cts ABC	68.625	-0.125
Carolina Pwr Lt	34.25	-0.125
Carpenter Tech	42.125	-0.5
Caterpillar	95.875	-1.25
Centenor Energy	10.25	+0
Centex Corp	39.125	-0.125
Central & SW	22.125	+0.25
Ceridian	34.625	-0.25
Champion Intl	49.375	+0.75
Chrmg Shoppes	5.6875	-0.25
Chase Manhattan	98.625	+1.5
Chevron Corp	72.125	-0.375
Chiquita Brands	15.5	+0.25
Chrysler	31.75	-
Chubb Corp	59	+0.5
Cisco	62	-0.375
Citicorp	120.625	+2.5
Clevld Cliffs	31.875	-1.125
Clorox	121.375	-3.125
Coastal Corp	49.125	-0.125
Coca Cola	67	+0.5
Coca Cola Ent	19.375	-0.625
Colgate Palmolv	115	+1.25
Comcast Corp A	16.625	-0.125
Compaq	93.5	+0
Compute Ass Intl	53.25	+0.5
Computer Sci	73.125	+0.5
Conagra	60.375	+0.5
Cons Edison	29	+0.625
Cons Freightways	29.25	+0
Cons Nat Gas	52	-0.125
Cons Rail	114.5	+0
Cooper Inds	49.75	-0.875
Coors (Adolph)	26.875	-0.875
Corning Inc	50	+0
Crane	38.5	-0.125
Crompton Knowles	23.625	+0.125
Crown Cork Seal	57.125	-1.125
Cummins Engine	60.375	-1.625
Curtiss-Wright	60.625	-0.125
Cypress Semicon	14.75	+0
Cyprus Mineral	23.75	-0
Cytec Indust	39	-0.375
DQE	28.875	+0.125
Dana Corp	33.75	+0
Data General	21.375	-0.375
Dayton Hudson	47.625	+0
De Beers	35.875	+0
Deere	50.375	-1.125
Delm Pwr & L	17.125	+0
Dell Computers	92	+0.625
Delta Air Lines	92.5	-1.875
Deluxe Corp	32.375	-0.25
Detroit Edison	27.125	+0.125
Dial Corp Del	16.375	-0.375
Diebold Inc	34	-0.25
Digital Equip	34.625	-0.75
Dillard Dep St	31.75	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	83.625	+0
Dominion Res	35.625	+0.25
Donelley (RR)	35.625	+0.875
Dover Corp	54.875	+0
Dow Chemicals	88.75	+0.875
Dow Jones	39.75	-0.125
Dresser	32.875	+1.375
DSC Comm	21.5	+0
Duke Power	45	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	25.5	-0.375
Du Pont	110.25	+2.125
E G & G Corp	19.75	-0.25
Eastern Ents	34.5	-0.375
Eastman Kodak	82.125	-0.125
Eaton Corp	79.75	+0.625
Echlin Inc	33	+0
Emerson Elec	53.25	+0.25
Engelhard Corp	20.25	-0.25
Enron Corp	40.875	-0.375
Ensearch Corp	21.375	+0
Entergy Corp	26.25	+0.875
Enzo Biochem	14.9375	-0.0625
Ericsson	34.9375	+0.3125
Ethyl Corp	9.375	+0.125
Exxon	59.875	+0.25
Exxon	59.875	+0.25
FMC Corp	69.5	+0.25
FPL Group	46.375	+0.25
Fedders Corp	5.875	+0.125
Federal Express	53.875	-0.875
Federal Mogul	29.25	+0.25
Fed Nat Mtge	43.125	+0.875
Fieldcrest Can	18.75	+0.125
First Bank Sys	81.5	+0.5
First Chicago	60.375	+1
First Union	86.625	+0.625
Fruit of the Loom	37.375	+0.125
Fst Union Rlty	13.625	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	62.75	+0.125
Fleetwd Enterp	27.125	+0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	18.75	+0.75
Florida Prog	29.375	+0.125
Fluor Corp	50.5	+1
Food Lion Inc	6.8125	-0.0625
Ford Motor	36.125	+0.375
Foster Wheeler	38.625	-0.375
Freeport McMor	15.25	+0
Galoob Toys	17.75	-0.25
Gateway 2000	61.375	+0.875
GATX Corp	57.375	+0
GTE Corp	43	+0.25
Gannett	91.875	-0.625
Gap Inc Del	32.125	-0.625
Gencorp	19.375	+0
Gen Am Invest	22	+0.25
Gen Dynamics	72.875	-0.375
Gen Electric	60.75	+0
Gen Mills	63.75	+0.25
Gen Motors	56	-0.75
Gen Motors H	54.75	+0.75
Gen Public Util	34.375	+0.375
Gen Reinsurnce	172.875	+0.875
Gen Signal	41.75	+0.625
Gen DataComm	7.875	+0.25
Genuine Parts	33.5	-0.125
Georgia Pac	83.875	+1.875
Gillette	88.375	-0.75
Glaxo ADR	41.375	+0.65625
Golden W Finl	67.5	-0.125
Goodrich (BF)	42	+0.125
Goodyear Tire	55.75	+0.75
Grace (W&R)	52.25	-0.625
Grainger (WW)	78.625	-0.375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26.5	-0.375
Grt Central Mine	5.875	-0.0625
Grt Western Finl	46	+1.625
Halliburton	77.125	+1
Hanna (MA)	22.5	+0.125
Harcourt	45.875	-1
Harley Davidson	42.875	+0
Harnischfeger	42.25	-0.5
Harrah's Ent	18.875	-0.25
Harris Corp	86.625	-0.875
Harsco Corp	39.5	+0
Hartmarx	7.875	+0
Hasbro	26.875	+1.4375
Hecla Mining	5.625	+0
Heinz (HJ)	42.25	-0.375
Helix Technol	36.5	+0.375
Hlmrch & Payne	52.25	+1.375
Hercules	45.5	+0
Hershey Foods	56.25	-0.375
Hewlett Packard	56.625	+0.375
Hilton Hotels	29.875	+1
Hirsch Int	17	+0
Hollinger	10.375	-0.125
Home Depot	58.375	-0.875
Homestake	13.875	-0.5
Honeywell	73.75	+0.5
Hormel (Geo)	25.25	+0.375
Household Intl	90.75	+0.5
Houston Inds	22.375	+0.125
Humana	21.5	-0.875
IBM	173.875	+0.25
Illinova Corp	21.875	+0
Illinois Tool	56.5	+1.625
INCO	33.375	-0.375
Ingersoll Rand	52.375	+0.375
Inland Steel	25.75	-0.375
Intel Corp	152.875	+0.5
Intergraph	7	+0.125
Interlake	3.75	-0.125
Intl Fmly EntB	22.75	+1.25
Intl Flav & Fr	44.125	+0
Intl Multifoods	26.625	+0.625
Intl Paper	46.75	-0.125
Interpublic	59.125	+1.125
ITT Corp	58.75	+0
James River Ba	34.5	+0.75
Jefferson Pil	60.625	-0.5
Johnson & J	61.25	-1
K Mart	14.4375	+0.6875
Kaiser Alum	10.875	-0.125
Kellogg	71.75	+0.125
KLA Instruments	48.8125	+1
Kennametal	38.875	+0.375
Kerr-McGee	65.125	+1.625
KeyCorp	54.125	+0.75
Kimberly-Clark	53	-0.25
King World Prod	37.875	+0.25
Knight Ridder	42.125	-0.625
Kroger	26.625	-0.375
LSI Logic	41.25	-0.625
Legget & Platt	38.75	+0.625
Leucadia Natl	30.625	+0.25
Lilly (Eli)	92.625	-0.25
Limited Inc	19.125	+0.125
Linear Technol	53.375	+1.3125
Lincoln Nat	59.625	+0.875
Litton	45	+0.25
Liz Claiborne	45.875	-0.375
Lockheed Corp	91	-0.375
Loews Corp	93.375	-0.625
Lone Star	38.625	-0.375
Long Island Lt	22.75	-0.5
Longs Drug Strs	25.5	-0.625
Loral Corp	14.5	-0.125
Louisiana Land	52.625	-0.125
Louisiana Pacif	18	-0.5
Lowe's Co Inc	38.25	-0.25
Lucent Tech	63.5	+1.875
Lubrizol	34.625	-0.25
Madge	6.125	-0.1875
MCI Commun	38.375	+0.125
Mallinckrodt	35.75	+0
Manor Care	26.25	+0
Mapco Inc	31.375	+0.375
Marriott	57.5	+0.25
Mrsh & McLn	127.875	+2.75
Marvel	2.25	+0
Masco Corp	38.875	+0.375
Massmutual Corp	38.75	-0.25
Mattel Inc	29.25	-0.625
Maytag Corp	24	+0.375
McDermott	23.875	+0.125
McDonalds	52.25	+0.25
McDonnell Dglas	59.375	+0.25
McGraw Hill	53.875	+1.5
McKesson Corp	73.75	+1.375
Mead Corp	60.5	+0.75
Medtronic	68	+0
Mellon Bk	84.5	+0.125
Mentor Graphics	7.65625	-0.09375
Mercantile Strs	50.375	+0
Merck Inc	92.625	+0.125
Meredith Corp	23.875	+0
Merrill Lynch	101.5	+1.625
Micron Technol	36	+1.375
Microsoft Corp	115.875	-1.875
Millipore	41.25	+0.125
Mine Safety App	61	0
Minnesota Mine	92.625	+1.125
Mitchell Energy	21	+1
Mobil Corp	133.625	+0
Mobile Telecom	10.625	+0.5
Molex Inc	33.75	-0.5
Monarch Macht	7.5	-0.25
Monsanto	44.75	+0.125
Morgan (JP)	104.5	+2.5
Morningstar Grp	24.75	+1.1875
Morton Intl	32.125	-0.125
Motorola Inc	63.5	+1.125
Murphy Oil	46.25	+0.625
Nacco Inds	47.75	+0.625
Nalco Chemcal	36.75	+0.25
Nashua Corp	11.75	+0
Natl City Corp	51.5	+0.75
Natl Semi	26.5	+1.125
Natl Serv Ind	43	-0.125
NatWest Bank	79.375	+1.75
Navistar Int	11.75	-0.125
Netscape	34.125	-0.75
New England El	35	+0.25
News Corp	17.875	-0.375
NY State El Gas	22.125	-0.125
NY Times A	46	+1.0625
Newmont Mining	37	-0.875
Niag Mohawk	8.75	+0
Nicor Inc	34.375	-0.125
Nike Inc	57.25	-0.5
NL Industries	12.5	-0.125
Noble Affi	42.5	+1.625
Nokia	66.25	+1.75
Nordstrom	44.75	+0.75
Norfolk Southrn	91.75	-1.25
Northeast Util	8.625	+0.25
Novell	8.25	-0.03125
Nthn State Pwr	48	-1.75
Northrop	85.75	-0.375
Norwest Corp	54	+1
NSI	7.25	-0.125
Nynex Corp	52	-0.25
Occidental Pet	23.125	+0.125
Ogden Corp	19.75	-0.25
OEA	34.5	-0.25
Ohio Casualty	41	-0.3125
Ohio Edison	21	+0.375
Olin Corp	41.375	-0.5
Omnicom Group	55.375	+0
Oneok Inc	30.375	+0
Oracle Systems	44.3125	-0.5
Oryx Energy Co	22.625	+0.75
Oshkosh B'gosh	17.125	+0
Outboard Marine	15	-0.125
Overseas Ship	17.5	-0.25
Owens Corning	42.125	-0.25
PHH Group	-	-
PNC Financial	41.875	+0.125
PPG Industries	57.875	+0.375
Paccar Inc	83.4375	-0.5625
Pacificorp	20.125	+0.125
Pac Enterprises	32.5	-0.5
Pac Gas & Elect	23.75	+0.25
Pac Telesis	-	-
Pall Corp	24.25	+0.375
Panh Eastern	45.625	-0.375
Parker Drilling	9	+0.125
Parker Hannifin	51.625	+1
Penney(JC)	49.25	-0.25
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	20.625	+0.25
Pennzoil	54.875	+0.375
People's Energy	34.875	-0.25
Pepsico	37.125	+0.25
Perkin Elmer	76.875	-0.75
Pfizer	101	+0.625
Pharmacia & Upj	34	+0.5
Phelps Dodge	80.5	-0.875
Philadel Elec	20	+0.125
Philip Morris	42.625	+0.25
Philips Elec	56.875	+0.75
Phillips Pet	42	+0.75
Pioneer Hi Bred	71.25	+0.125
Pitney Bowes	68.125	-0.125
Policy Mgt Sys	48	+0.375
Polycom	3.875	-0.375
Potash Corp	81.625	+0.625
Potomac El Pwr	23.125	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	130.125	-2.375
Pub Svc Enterp	25.25	+0.5
Pug Snd Pwr	25.25	+0.25
Quaker Oats	40.5	-0.25
Qualcom	50.375	-0.375
Quanex Corp	27.125	+0.25
RJR Nabisco	31.25	+0.75
Ralston Purina	84.125	+0.375
Rank Orgnsn ADR	15.125	+0.375
Raychem Corp	71.25	-0.5
Raytheon	47	+0
Reebok Intl	40.875	+1.125
Reynolds Reyn A	22	+0.375
Reynolds Metals	67.5	+0
Rite Aid Corp	47.5	+0.25
Roadway Services	31.375	-0.125
Rockwell Intl	67.875	+0.375
Rohm & Haas	82.75	+0.5
Rohr Industries	16.375	-0.625
Rouse	28.625	+0.75
Rowan	21.375	+0.5
Royal Dutch	191	-1
Rubbermaid	25.875	+0.375
Ruddick	15.125	-0.25
Russell Corp	29.25	-0.125
Ryder System	32.875	+0
Rymer Co	-	-
SPS Technology	70.875	-0.125
Safeco Corp	41.5	+1.25
Safety-Kleen	15.25	-0.25
St Paul's Cos	73.125	+0.25
Salomon Inc	53.5	+1
San Diego Gas	23	-0.125
Sara Lee Corp	41.375	-0.375
Schering Plough	86.625	+1.25
Schlumberger	117.875	+0.875
Scientif Atlanta	16.875	-0.625
Scripps	38.5	+0
Seagate Tech	48.5	-1.75
Seagram	38	-0.875
Sears Roebuck	49.875	+0.5
Sensormatic Elec	16.875	-0.125
Service Corp I	34.875	-0.375
Service Master	32.125	+0.125
Shared Medical	44.1875	+0.4375
Shell Trans	113.5	+0.375
Sherwin Wilms	30.625	-0.375
Shoney's Inc	5.625	+0.125
Sigma Aldrich	28.625	-0.625
Silicon Graphics	15.875	+0.625
Skyline Corp	24	+0.5
Smith Intl	50	+0.25
SmKline Bchm A	86.875	+0.5
Snap-On-Tools	38.75	-0.625
Sonat	58.125	+0.875
Sonocco Prods	28.5	+0
Sony Corp ADR	83.125	+0.5
Southdown	41	+0.625
Southern Co	21.375	+0.25
Sth N. Eng Tel	37.125	+0.25
Southw Airlines	26.625	-0.375
Southwestn Bell	56.625	-0.25
Spring Inds	47.625	-0.125
Sprint Corp	47.125	-0.25
Standard Prods	24.875	+0
Stanley Works	38.625	+0.375
Stone Container	12.125	+0.5
Storage Technol	38.125	+0.125
Stratus Comp	43	+1
Sun America	1.5	+0
Sun Company	29.5	+0.25
Sundstrand	50.125	-0.125
Sun Microsystms	31.875	+1.0625
Suntrust	53.375	+0.25
Supervalu	31	+0.125
Symantec	16.5	-0.125
Sysco Corp	34.5	+0.25
TJX Cos Inc	46.125	-0.375
TRW Inc	53.5	-1.125
Tab Products	9	-0.125
Tambrands	47.75	+0.125
Tandem Comp	13.75	-0.125
Tandy Corp	54	+0.375
Telecom Corp	14	+0.125
Telefonos de Mex	43.25	-0.375
Temple Inland	58	-0.625
Tenneco	44	+0.5
Teradyne	35.25	+0.375
Tesoro Pet	12.75	+0.25
Texaco	111	-0.875
Texas Instrmnts	91.875	-0.625
Texas Utilities	36	+0.25
Textron	113.125	-0.875
Thiokol	65.75	+1
Thomas & Betts	48.25	+0.25
ThreeCom	37.875	+1
Time Warner	47.625	+0.75
Times-Mirror	57.25	+0.375
Timken	64.125	+1.25
Torchmark	66	+1.25
Tosco Corp	31.5	-0.375
Total Pet N Am	9.6875	-0.1875
Toys R Us	29.25	-0.375
Transamerica	87.625	+1.625
Transco Energy	52.5	+0.125
Travellers Grp	56.375	+0.25
Tribune	44	+0.375
TRINOVA Corp	-	-
Triton Energy	41	-0.5
TWA	6.9375	-0.0625
Tyco Labs	64.625	+0.75
Tyler	1.875	+0
UAL Corp	72.625	-0.625
USG Corp	34.625	-0.375
UST Inc	27.375	-0.25
USX Marathon	28.125	-0.375
USX-US Steel	30.75	-0.625
Unicom Corp	22.5	+0.5
Unilever NV	113.125	+1.375
Union Camp	51.125	-0.25
Union Carbide	48.5	-0.125
Union Electric	36.375	-0.125
Union Pacific	67	+0.375
Unisys Corp	6.25	+0.125
USAIR Group	34.375	+0.5
USF&G Corp	21.375	-1.25
US Home	26.125	+0
US Life	48.75	+0.375
US Robotics	65.375	+1.8125
US Surgical	32.25	-0.375
US Trust	46.75	+0.5
US West	34.375	-0.25
United Tech	78.875	+0.875
Unocal Corp	42.5	+0.125
VF Corp	75.25	-0.125
Valero Energy	36.125	+0.25
Varian Assoc	52	+0.375
Viacom Inc	29	+0.1875
Vishay	27.625	-0.125
Vulcan Materials	70.75	+0.125
Wachovia	61.375	+0.75
Walgreen	45.25	-0.5
Wal-Mart Stores	30.125	+0.125
Warner-Lambert	101.25	+0.5
Wash Gas Light	24.25	+0.125
Washington Post	375	-0.875
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31.5	-0.5
Watkins-Johnson	29	+0
Weis Markets	29.125	-0.125
Wells Fargo	285.125	+5.625
Wendy's Intl	23.25	-0.375
Westinghouse El	18.5	+0
Westvaco	29.75	-0.25
Weyerhaeuser	47	-0.375
Whirlpool	49.125	+0.75
Whitman	23.75	-0.25
Williams Co	43.75	-0.875
Winn Dixie Stos	36.875	+0
Woolworth	22.5	+0.625
World Comm	26.125	+0.125
Worthington Ind	18.0625	+0.1875
Wrigley	58.125	-0.375
Xerox	83.625	+0.125
Yellow Freight	18.125	-1
Zenith Electron	10.875	+0
Zero Co	20.625	+0

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	455.5	-8
BAT Inds	547.5	+5
BT	449.5	-3.5
BTR	215.5	+0.5
Barclays	1253.5	+1.5
Bass	818	+8.5
Boots	731.5	-5
British Airways	742.5	+31
British Gas	-	-
General Electric	365	-4.5
Grand Met	567	-7.5
Glaxo	1251.5	+6.5
Guiness	572.5	-11
HSBC (75p shs)	1820	+1
Hanson	-	-
ICI	794	+3.5
Land Securities	868.5	-9
Lloyds Bank	610.5	-4
Marks & Spencer	519.5	+0
NatWest Bank	810.5	+11
Prudential	574	+6.5
Reuters	681.5	-20
Sainsbury	380.5	+1
Shell Transport	1154.5	-128
Unilever	1696	-8.5

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accor	879	-4
Air Liquide	927	+32
Alcatel Alsthom	689	+21
BSN	918	+25
Canal	1085	+40
Carrefour	3880	+61
Club Med	432.8	-2.2
Cred Lyon (CI)	192.8	-0.7
Elf Aquitaine	600	+12
Euro Disney	9.5	-0.1
LVMH	1487	+37
Lafarge Coppee	403	+13
Lyonn Eaux	581	+3
Michelin B	354	+14.6
Moulinex	134.5	-0.5
Paribas	406	+13.1
Pernod Ricard	313	+5
Peugeot	844	+34
Saint Gobain	857	+27
Total B	542	+23

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allianz AG	-	-
BASF	-	-
Bayer	84.95	-1.25
Commerzbank	-	-
Daimler-Benz	-	-
Deutsche Bank	-	-
Dresdner Bk	59.15	-0.15
Hoechst	66.7	-1.2
Lufthansa	28.2	-0.05
Mannesmann	711	+14.5
Metallgesellschaft	38.3	-0.2
Porsche	2300	+32
Siemens	99.79	-1.71
Volkswagen	1153	-14.5

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-MAY-97)
*In local currencies

TASE ROUNDUP

Shares slip, led by Teva, Nice, Discount

Mishtanim	Maof
263 ▼ -0.29%	271.13 ▼ -0.36%

By ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks slipped in early trading yesterday, including two issues that fell in New York on Tuesday, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Nice Systems Ltd., as well as Bank Leumi and Discount Bank.

Teva eased 0.75 percent. Nice Systems, which makes digital voice-logging systems, shed 1.5%. Bank Leumi and Discount Bank each eased 0.5%. On the upside, Agis Industries Ltd. jumped 2%. First International Bank added 0.75% and Formula Systems Ltd. tacked on 0.5%.

"What will influence the market today" and in coming days "is the earnings reports we have in hand," particularly from the real estate companies, said Boaz Leviatan, analyst at Sahar Securities in Tel Aviv.

The Mishtanim Index fell 0.29% to 263 while the Maof Index lost 0.36% to 271.13.

Results at companies like Mehadrin Ltd., which is unchanged, and Properties and Buildings Ltd., off 0.75%, were strong, Leviatan said.

Shares of Azorim Ltd., which hasn't reported yet, rose 1.5%. Israel Chemicals Ltd. dropped 1%. (Bloomberg)

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.3990	-0.059%
Sterling	NIS 5.5618	+ 0.691%
Mark	NIS 1.9913	-0.405%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7286.16	+11.95
DJ Transport	2616.51	-10.18
DJ Utils	222.61	+0.61
DJ Comp	2260.14	+0.53
NYSE Industr	552	+1.13
NYSE Transport	394.74	-1.05
NYSE Comp	435.6	+1.63
S&P 100	822.02	+3.11
S&P Spot Index	836.05	+2.92

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4686.9	-4.1
Tokyo Nikkei	20209.7	+80.6
Singapore all-share index	513.24	-0.75
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	14153.5	+247.1

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.647	+0.0143
Jun.future (CME)	1.6464	+0.0136
D-mark: spot	1.6945	+0.003
Jun.future (CME)	0.5919	+0.0008
S-franc: spot	1.436	+0.0014
Jun.future (CME)	0.699	+0.0007
Yen: spot	117.3	-1.05
Jun.future (CME)	0.008587	+0.000108
CanDlr: spot	1.3896	+0.0037
Jun.future (CME)	0.7217	-0.001
AusDlr: spot	0.7765	+0.0005
Jun.future (CME)	0.7771	-0.0004
F-franc: spot	5.7069	+0.0074
It Lira: spot	1670	-3
Nlg: spot	1.906	+0.0027
AuSthg: spot	11.9518	+0.0024
Rand: spot	4.485	+0.02
ECU: spot	1.1517	+0.0008
Bonds Jun.future	110.156	+0.34375
S and P Jun.future	840.05	+2.2

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1422	+13
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	240.6	-0.55
Sugar no.11 (May) (CEC)	-	-
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	387	-8.5
Soybean (Jul) (CBOT)	864	-10.5
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	80.5	+2.1
Crude oil light (Jun)(CEC)	21.39	+0.02

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	997	-3
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	1870	+53
Brent crude oil (Jun)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	347.55	-1.95
Silver: spot	4.87	+0

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Jun)	348.2	-2.3
Silver (Jul)	4.838	-0.04
Platinum (Apr)	-	-
Palladium (Jun)	173.9	+2.35
High-grade copper (May)	1.14	+0.008

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	349	+1.7
Gold PM fix	349.1	+0.2
Silver fix	487.3	+4.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-MAY-97)

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Paris hits record

LONDON (Reuter) – Paris stocks closed at a record level on Wednesday, lifted by opinion polls which eased anxiety about upcoming elections, but other leading European bourses were mixed despite receding fears of a US interest-rate hike.

On currencies, US economic data which dimmed prospects of higher interest rates dragged the dollar down, as dollar-denominated assets looked less attractive to investors.

Paris blue chips put on a sparkling performance, surging over two percent to close at a peak of 2,774.63 points on the CAC-40 index, eclipsing the previous best of 2,736.71 set two months ago.

WALL STREET REPORT

Blue chips end slightly higher

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Blue-chip stocks, after soaring on surprisingly good inflation news at the producer level, ended slightly higher yesterday ahead of today's report on consumer prices.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 11.95 points at 7,286.16, after giving up most of a gain of more than 75 points.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 14-9 on active volume of 502 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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SPORTS

in brief

Israel jump 10 spots in FIFA rankings

ZURICH (AP) – Israel leaped 10 slots in the latest FIFA World Rankings released yesterday. They are now in 43rd spot in the standings.

Powered by a 4-0 victory over Slovenia last month, Denmark climbed two spots to third behind Brazil and Germany in the May

The April 30 victory in Copenhagen moved Denmark to the top of Europe's World Cup qualifying Group 1 with 10 points, same as Greece but having played two fewer games. It also pushed the 1992 European champion past France and Spain, both of which were knocked down a rung to fourth and fifth.

Italy climbed one spot to sixth while the Dutch, which routed San Marino 6-0 on April 30, jumped three spots to seventh. The Czech Republic slipped two spots to eighth and were followed by Romania and Russia.

Juninho set to leave Middlesbrough

LONDON (Reuter) – Juninho has told relegated Middlesbrough that Saturday's English FA Cup final against Chelsea at Wembley will probably be his last game for the club.

Brazil coach Mario Zagallo has said he will only consider players with leading clubs when he assembles his squad for next year's World Cup and Juninho is desperate not to miss out.

"I have to think of my career. I am still young, only 24, and I have to do what is best for me. It's important that I play for Brazil," said Juninho, after receiving the club's Player of the Year trophy.

Manchester United and Atletico Madrid are among the clubs said to be interested in signing the midfielder, who joined Middlesbrough for £4.75 million ($7.6 million) from Sao Paulo in 1995.

Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli and Middlesbrough's other Brazilian star Emerson are also poised to leave. Manager Bryan Robson is reported as saying he will not force them to stay even though they signed four-year contracts last year.

Muster's dream melts away in Roman heat

ROME (Reuter) – Defending champion Thomas Muster saw his dream of a third successive Italian Open title die in the heat of a gruelling three-hour battle with unseeded Australian Scott Draper at the Foro Italico yesterday.

The third seed, unbeaten in Rome since the third round in 1994 and three times a winner, received treatment for dehydration after losing his second round match 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 in temperatures of 32 degrees Celsius.

Muster's exit leaves the tournament without four of its top five seeds after two rounds for the first time.

Reigning Wimbledon champion and fifth seed Richard Krajicek joined the list of big-name casualties when he surrendered in straight sets to German Marc-Kevin Goellner. The Dutchman, a finalist here last year, lost 7-6 7-6 after losing the two tie-breaks 8-6 and 7-1.

The world's top two players Pete Sampras and Michael Chang lost in the first round on Tuesday.

Graf back on the rails after layoff

BERLIN (Reuter) – Returning rapidly to form after a three-month layoff, Steffi Graf cruised into the quarter-finals of the German Open yesterday with a brisk 6-3, 6-2 win over 24-year-old Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir in just 55 minutes.

But American number three seed Lindsay Davenport, the Olympic champion, was beaten in the second round by France's unseeded Sandrine Testud in the event's first big upset.

Graf was playing only her second singles match after 100 days out with a knee injury, during which time she lost her world number one ranking to Swiss Martina Hingis.

But chasing a record 10th Berlin title and undefeated in Berlin since 1985, the top seed showed a dramatic improvement from her error-prone three-set defeat of American Chanda Rubin in the previous round.

Wilander, Novacek punished for doping

LONDON (Reuter) – Former world number one Mats Wilander and Czech Karel Novacek were banned from tennis for three months yesterday after dropping their legal fight over drugs tests which showed the presence of cocaine in their blood.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) said the pair had acknowledged the positive results of dope tests taken during the 1995 French Open but said they believed the cocaine was unwittingly consumed.

England to host triangular series in 1998

LONDON (Reuter) – England will host a triangular one-day cricket tournament for the first time next year.

South Africa and world champions Sri Lanka are the other teams involved in a four-match competition in August which will feature three qualifying games and a final.

The South Africans will have already played five tests and three one-day internationals against England starting in May, while Sri Lanka have been allocated a solitary test at the Oval at the end of August.

Ben Johnson sues to race again

TORONTO (Reuter) – Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson launched a court action on Tuesday to win the right to race again and prove that he is still the world's fastest man.

The suit, filed in an Ontario court, alleges that Johnson's 1993 ban from international competition violated his ability to make a living.

"I just want to clear my name and to move on with my life," Johnson, 35, told a press conference in Toronto.

Baseball suspends Steinbrenner

CHICAGO (AP) – George Steinbrenner was suspended Tuesday from baseball's ruling executive council because of his lawsuit against the sport over the New York Yankees' marketing deal with Adidas.

After lawyers for Steinbrenner and baseball spent the day attempting to work out a settlement in which the lawsuit would be withdrawn, the council barred Steinbrenner and the Yankees from participation in all of the sport's governing committees. It did not bar him from running the Yankees.

Dunleavy named Trail Blazers head coach

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – Mike Dunleavy, who has known great success and crushing failure in six seasons as an NBA coach, was hired Tuesday to coach the young, talented and sometimes temperamental Portland Trail Blazers.

"Of all the jobs that were possibilities this year, this is by far the greatest opportunity," Dunleavy said. "The reason I'm here is I want to win a championship." Dunleavy has a 208-284 record as a coach, first in two winning years with the Los Angeles Lakers, then in four losing seasons with the Milwuakee Bucks, where he was coach and general manager.

He led the Lakers to the NBA Finals in his first season as a head coach, but was 25-57 in 1995-96, his last as coach at Milwaukee. He served as general manager for the Bucks last season.

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET – Draw for the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup made yesterday: Leicestershire v Somerset, Yorkshire v Northamptonshire, Kent v Warwickshire, Essex v Surrey. Matches to be played on Tuesday, May 27.

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

Barcelona win Cup Winners' Cup

ROTTERDAM (Reuter) – Barcelona won the European Cup Winners' Cup for a record fourth time last night with a 1-0 victory over Paris Saint Germain who became the eighth holders to lose in the final a season after winning the competition.

No team has yet won the Cup twice in succession since it started in the 1960-61 season.

Barcelona took the lead after 37 minutes when Brazilian striker Ronaldo scored from a penalty after Bruno N'Gotty had brought a sweet Barcelona build-up involving Sergi, Ivan de la Pena and Luis Enrique to an end by clattering into Ronaldo in the box.

Ronaldo made no mistake from the spot, scoring his 33rd goal of the season by sending PSG goalkeeper Bernard Lama the wrong way.

Barcelona thought they had taken the lead 10 minutes earlier when Portuguese defender Fernando Couto sent a curling header dipping just under the bar for what looked like a well-taken goal. But German referee Markus Merk had already blown for an infringement.

PSG went close to equalizing after 58 minutes when Patrice Loko shot against a post, and Leonardo blasted the rebound over the bar.

Barcelona were unlucky not to double their score three minutes from time when Luis Figo hit the bar with Lama well beaten.



PROFITABLE TRIP – Barcelona's Ronaldo flies through the air after being fouled in the area by PSG's Bruno N'Gotty in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam last night. Ronaldo himself converted the penalty which turned out to be the winning goal for the Catalan side. (Reuter)

Canada takes world ice hockey gold

HELSINKI (Reuter) – Owen Nolan of the San Jose Sharks had a goal and an assist as Canada beat Olympic champions Sweden 2-1 yesterday to win the world ice hockey title.

The victory capped a gritty comeback by the Canadians after they had lost the first game of the best-of-three final on Sunday. It was their 21st world title but only their second in the past 36 years.

The win ended a frustrating string of second place finishes for Canada that stretched back to the 1994 Olympics, won by Sweden in an overtime shootout.

Despite running into penalty problems in their earlier clashes with the Swedes, Canada continued to employ their familiar aggressive, hard-hitting style.

They controlled the pace of the contest from the opening faceoff and were indebted to some rock solid goaltending by Hartford Whalers' Sean Burke.

Burke, who started every game in the Canadian net, collected the gold that had eluded him at the 1989 and 1991 world championships when the team returned home with silver.

Nolan, who was suspended for a game for his part in a brawl against the Czech Republic, finally made his presence felt on the scoresheet as well, setting up the opening goal and scoring the second.

Dean Evason, the only non-NHL player on the Canadian roster, netted the only goal of the first period when he hammered home a loose puck from the side of the Sweden net after goaltender Tommy Salo failed to control the rebound from a shot by Nolan.

Nolan added the second early in the second period when New York Islanders' Travis Green threaded a perfect pass through a crowd in the slot.

With Salo pulled in favour of the extra attacker, Michael Nylander ruined Burke's shutout bid when he snapped a wrist shot in off the far post, converting the powerplay opportunity with less than two minutes to play.

Kent grand slam powers Giants past Reds

CINCINNATI (Reuter) – Intentionally walking Giants slugger Barry Bonds must have seemed like a good idea at the time.

With Darryl Hamilton and Bill Mueller on second and third in the third inning, the Reds elected to walk Barry Bonds, preferring to take their chances with Jeff Kent.

Kent smashed a 3-2 pitch from Reds starter Dave Burba (3-4) over the left-field fence for his eighth homer of the season and fourth career grand slam, providing the Giants with all of their runs in a 4-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday.

Shawn Estes allowed one run over 7 1/3 innings as San Franciscoposted its third consecutive win.

Estes (5-2) gave up five hits with four walks and six strikeouts, holding the Reds scoreless though seven innings.

The Reds scored their lone run in the eighth.

Marlins 11, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Bobby Bonilla's grand slam highlighted a seven-run fourth as the Florida Marlins beat the Braves 11-5.

The Marlins extended a 3-2 lead in the fourth as Paul Byrd came on for Braves starter Terrell Wade (1-3) and intentionally walked Gary Sheffield to load the bases.

Moises Alou drew a walk to force home a run and Bonilla launched his first homer of the season and sixth career grand slam for an 8-2 advantage. Jeff Conine followed with a single and Charles Johnson belted his third homer to cap the scoring.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees 11, Twins 2

At Minnesota, David Cone allowed two runs over seven innings and Tino Martinez and Bernie Williams homered as the surging New York Yankees beat the Twins 11-2 for their sixth win in seven games.

The sizzling Martinez put himself in some fairly legendary company, becoming just the third Yankee to record 15 homers in his first 40 games, joining Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle.

Cone (5-2) allowed 10 hits but walked just one and struck out six in winning his fifth successive start. Rich Robertson (3-2) suffered the loss.

Tigers 4, Blue Jays 0

In Detroit, Felipe Lira scattered four hits for his third career shutout and Bob Hamelin hit a pair of solo homers as the Tigers blanked the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0.

Lira (2-2) walked one and struck out a career-high 10.

Juan Guzman (3-3) faced just two batters and threw 12 pitches before leaving with stiffness in his right shoulder. He gave up a hit and walk and both runners scored.

Hamelin extended the lead to 3-0 in the second when he slugged a 2-2 pitch over the right-field fence. He added his second homer in the seventh to complete the scoring.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	26	12	.684	-
Florida	22	16	.579	4
Montreal	19	16	.543	5½
New York	20	18	.526	6
Philadelphia	14	23	.378	11½
Central Division				
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	-
Houston	20	19	.513	-
St. Louis	16	21	.432	3
Chicago	11	25	.306	7½
Cincinnati	11	25	.306	7½
West Division				
San Francisco	22	13	.629	-
Colorado	22	14	.611	½
Los Angeles	20	16	.571	2
San Diego	14	21	.400	8

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	26	11	.684	-
NewYork	22	16	.578	4
Toronto	19	17	.528	6
Detroit	16	21	.432	9½
Boston	15	21	.417	10
Central Division				
Milwaukee	19	15	.559	-
KansasCity	18	17	.514	1½
Cleveland	18	18	.500	2
Chicago	14	21	.400	5½
Minnesota	15	24	.385	6½
West Division				
Seattle	22	15	.595	-
Texas	20	15	.571	1
Anaheim	16	19	.457	5
Oakland	15	24	.385	8

Tuesday's NL games: Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2; Montreal 7, San Diego 3; San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 1; NY Mets 4, Houston 3; Florida 11, Atlanta 5; Chicago Cubs 2, Los Angeles 1.
Tuesday's AL games: Seattle 2, Milwaukee 1; Baltimore 7, Oakland 3; Detroit 4, Toronto 0; Kansas City 9, Boston 0; NY Yankees 11, Minnesota 2; Cleveland 7, Texas 3; Anaheim 8, Chicago White Sox 7.

Moscow pitch re-seeded for Russia-Israel match

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Russian national squad officials, exasperated by the bare and bumpy surface at Moscow's Dynamo stadium, have ordered a total makeover of the pitch in time for an important World Cup qualifier against Israel next month.

Oleg Tochelovich, director of the ground where Russia have played home games since the Luzhniki national stadium closed for improvements 18 months ago, said it would have intensive treatment with fast-growing grass seed and rollers.

Premier league Dynamo Moscow would play this Saturday, giving the pitch three weeks to recover before Israel, who lead group five ahead of second-placed Russia, arrive on June 8.

Dynamo and fellow club tenants CSKA will play home games at other grounds in the capital in the meantime.

Russia beat Luxembourg 3-0 at the 50,000-seater Dynamo stadium last month but players and officials complained the state of the pitch after an unusually long winter contributed to an encounter lacking in any display of great skill.

By the time Bulgaria visit Moscow on October 11 for the final group match, Russia should be reinstalled in a revamped and fully roofed 100,000-seat Luzhniki ground.

Bulls advance, Sonics stave off elimination

CHICAGO (Reuter) – The defending NBA champion Chicago Bulls finished off the Atlanta Hawks four games to one on Tuesday, while the Seattle SuperSonics lived to fight again after staving off elimination at the hands of the Houston Rockets.

The Bulls, sparked by an emotional performance by bad boy Dennis Rodman on his 36th birthday, rolled into the Eastern Conference finals with a 107-92 victory over Atlanta.

The Rockets missed a chance to join Chicago and Utah in the NBA's version of the final four by falling to Seattle at home, 100-94.

Rodman snapped out of a playoff funk with 12 points and nine rebounds, helping hold off a Hawks rally in the final period before being ejected yet again.

"Dennis gave us so much energy. He was amazing," said Chicago sharp-shooter Steve Kerr, who scored 15 points coming off the bench, including 3-for-4 from three-point range.

Rodman avoided major controversy until late in the fourth quarter, when he tangled with Atlanta center Dikembe Mutombo and was ejected for the third time in eight playoff games.

By that time, however, the game in the books and Rodman peeled off his jersey and tossed it into the crowd to a standing ovation.

Chicago superstar Michael Jordan, who had a game-high 24 points despite not scoring in the fourth quarter. Scottie Pippen added 15 for the Bulls, who are in the Eastern Conference finals for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Chicago awaits the winner of the New York-Miami series.

Christian Laettner scored 23 points, Mookie Blaylock added 20 and Tyrone Corbin chipped in 19 for Atlanta.

Sonics 100, Rockets 94

In Houston, Hersey Hawkins scored 23 points and the Sonics held the Rockets' long-range gunners in check to win for the third time when facing elimination in this year's playoffs.

The defending conference champions forced the series back to Seattle for Game Six today when they will face another win or hit the golf course situation again.

"When they went up three (games) to one, they made the series very simple," said Seattle coach George Karl. "It's a one-game series every night." The top-seeded Utah Jazz, who finished off the Lakers in five games, await the series winner.

Gary Payton had 21 points and 11 assists and Shawn Kemp added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Sonics.

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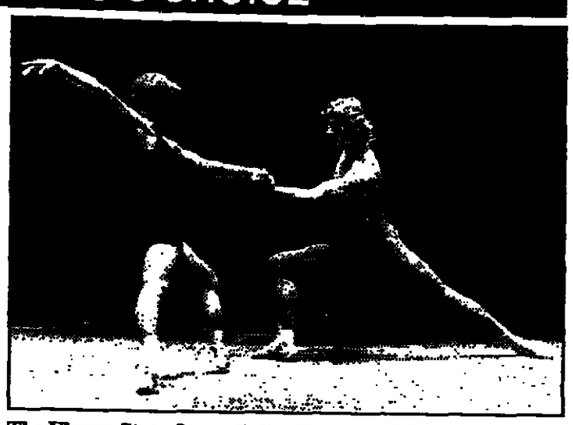
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The Vienna State Opera Ballet Company debuts in Tel Aviv.

The vibrant Vienna State Opera Ballet Company makes its local debut with three works: Kenneth McMillan's choreography to Mahler's *Song of the Earth*, and *Symphony in Three Movements* and *Movements* to music by Stravinsky, both by choreographer Renato Zanella, who's served as the company's artistic director for 18 months and galvanized its normally staid repertoire. It doesn't hurt that he has some marvelous dancers, including Simona Noja, whose early training as a gymnast contributes hairline precision to the instinctive poetry of her dancing. At the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tonight at 8:30, tomorrow at 1 p.m. and on Saturday at 9 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra presents a special concert featuring Haifa-born musicians who now have successful international careers. Cellist Inbal Segev plays the Tchaikovsky *Rococo Variations* and pianist Tal Weisman plays Mendelssohn's first piano concerto. Also on the program are Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* and Haim Permont's *Symphonette*. Arie Lipsky is on the podium tonight at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

Simca Heled leads the Israel Camerata Jerusalem in the serenades by Tchaikovsky and Elgar as well as in two works for wind instruments: Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon, and Zvi Avni's Two Psalms for oboe and strings. Gabriela Bukowski is the oboe soloist. Tonight in Rehovot, tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum, Sunday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem and May 28 in Nes Ziona. 8:30, except Friday at 2.

Pianist extraordinaire Radu Lupu is in Jerusalem Saturday (9:15) for a one-time-only recital with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in which he plays music by Beethoven, Brahms and Schubert at the Jerusalem International Convention Center.

The Israel Contemporary Players perform selections by Janacek, Takemitsu, Xenakis and Stravinsky as well as the world premiere of the Septet by Yosi Peles Saturday (9) at the Einav Center in Tel Aviv and Sunday (7) at the Jerusalem Music Center.

LIGHT MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Tomorrow at 2, Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium pays tribute to one of the greatest masters of Israeli popular song, Moshe Wilensky, who died earlier this year. Rafi Kadishzon leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a program edited and narrated by Ehud Manor. Among the participants are Gali Atari, Tal Amir, David Da'or, Rivka Michaeli, Yizhar Cohen, Miki Kam, Nehama Haendel, Riki Gal and the one and only Shoshana Damari with all-time hits including "Kalaniot" and "You Have to Ring Twice."

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The House of Eliott is an excellent BBC drama series which was screened in Israel a few years ago and enjoyed great success. Channel 1 has now purchased the new season of the show, set in London of the 1920s and focusing on the lives of the two Eliott sisters who upon their father's death discover that they are penniless. They harness their talent for designing clothes and eventually open their own fashion house and enjoy great success among London's high society. The last two episodes of the first season will be screened first, followed by the new episodes. Channel 1, 8:45 p.m.



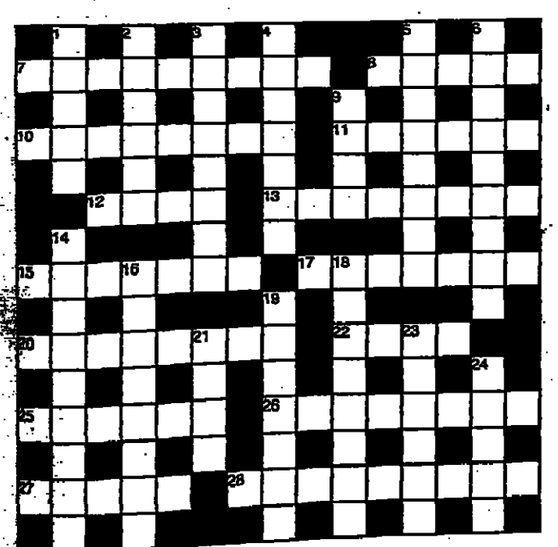
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

7 State going by private transport is a bloomer (9)
8 A child of one taken into a store (5)
10 Nice ruse used to obtain an undemanding post (8)
11 The East offers an alternative that is not heartless (6)
12 Leave in some haste, taking little luggage (4)
13 An alcoholic liquor's made from this bean (8)
15 Attempt to accommodate old people that's a catastrophe (7)
17 Show part of the book to a social worker (7)
20 A down-to-earth person aiming for colourful results (8)
22 See trainees do nothing strenuous (4)
25 Advocates arranging a berth (3,3)
26 Joined a non-drinker and suffered for it (8)
27 Labour without effort—there's running water (5)
28 Quite possibly one's tried leaving (9)

DOWN

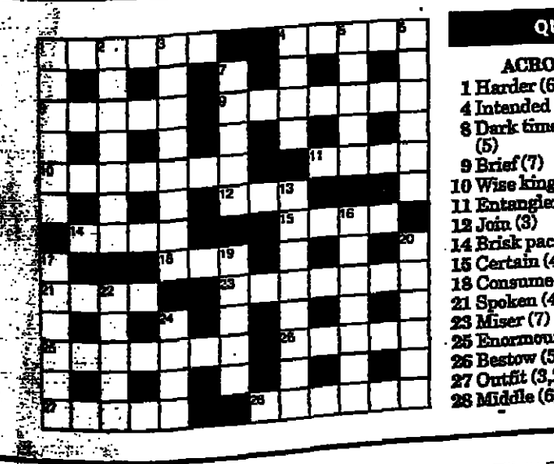
1 Custom-made clothing (5)
2 When broken up, went unlamented (6)
3 Walked stiffly, so given support (8)
4 The overseer favouring mean characters (7)
5 Name of the woman who's resigned? (8)
6 Ditch a conservationist body, though keen (9)
9 Intimidates bovine creatures (4)
14 Quietly getting to the homily (9)
16 Unsettled individual making complaint about a bad turn (8)
18 Totally bewildered in the main (3,2,3)
19 Invents a secret process (7)
21 An emperor having some onerous duties (4)
23 Find a top man comes in behind schedule (6)
24 Pitch into money-raising (3,2)



SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Loosa, 4 Canon, 10 Bravado, 11 Bleat, 12 Stack, 13 Tumbler, 15 Eros, 17 Piano, 19 Erupt, 22 Sari, 25 Assured, 27 Cable, 29 Capon, 30 Liturgy, 31 Idyll, 32 Cacho.
DOWN: 2 Osaka, 3 Slacken, 5 Album, 6 Overlap, 7 Abyss, 8 Motto, 9 Stare, 14 User, 16 Rose, 18 Insipid, 20 Ricotta, 21 Latch, 23 Adult, 24 Beryl, 26 Renal, 28 Birth.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Harder (6)
4 Intended (5)
8 Dark time of day (5)
9 Brief (7)
10 Wise king (7)
11 Entanglement (4)
12 Join (3)
14 Brisk pace (4)
15 Certain (4)
18 Consume (3)
21 Spoken (4)
23 Miser (7)
25 Enormous (7)
26 Bestow (5)
27 Outfit (3,2)
28 Middle (6)

DOWN

1 End (6)
2 Customary (7)
3 Reckon (8)
4 Repair (4)
5 Foreign (5)
6 Score (6)
7 Perfume (5)
13 Adventure (8)
16 Beaming (7)
17 Poignant (6)
19 Robber (5)
20 Walk wearily (6)
22 Acknowledge (5)
24 Cut (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Family Ties
8:45 Medicine Demystified
9:00 Arithmetic
9:25 Reading
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Astronomy
10:30 Literature
11:00 Mathematics
11:10 French
11:30 Biology
12:30 Art
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Quentin Quack
15:00 Autoto

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 The Adventures of Asterix – part 5: Asterix and Cleopatra
16:40 Friends of Shosh
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zap Around the Country
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Meeting
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Whaddayasay
20:00 News
20:45 House of Eliott – new episodes of the BBC drama
22:35 Backtrack
23:30 News
00:00 Time for Language

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Tricky – cartoon
7:00 Breakfast Magazine
9:00 Meetings
10:00 Pablo
11:00 Talking About It
12:00 Pinocchio
12:30 Truth or Dare
13:00 Kate and Allie
13:30 Everything's Open
14:00 The Kids of Degrassi Street
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Best Israeli Video Clips
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 Almost Perfect
18:30 Kickoff – soccer
19:00 Pacific Blue
20:00 News
20:30 Money
20:50 Candid Camera
21:45 Dan Shilon Live
23:20 Exposure
00:00 News
00:05 Screen Test
00:30 From the Concert Hall
1:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:05 Cartoons
14:45 Curiosity Show
15:10 They Came from Outer Space
16:00 NBA Basketball
17:00 Out of This World
17:30 French programs
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Parenthood
20:00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema
20:30 The American Chart Show
21:10 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:25 Feature film
00:00 Taratata

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 The Moomins
15:30 Dennis the Menace
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Family Challenge
17:45 Beakman's World
18:10 Perfect Strangers
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 CNN News
20:30 One West Waikiki
21:30 Two Fingers From Shilon
22:30 Camel Comedy Club
23:30 The 700 Club
00:00 Quantum Shopping

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:30 The World of Art
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Good Neighbors
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekessef
21:15 Tulsa (1949) – a cattle heiress enters the cutthroat business of wildcat oil in order to avenge her father's death. She builds an empire but loses sight of her values in the process. With Susan Hayward and Robert Preston.
22:45 Neon Rider
23:30 International Art Magazine

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 Hot Shots
16:30 Opervox
17:00 Clip Art
17:30 Faces of Culture
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 World War I
19:30 Vis à Vis
19:50 Hello Pnina – Hebrew for new immigrants
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Family Album
21:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
21:45 Beethoven's Concerto No. 4 for Piano, performed by Claudio Arrau and the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Riccardo Muti
22:45 Seventy Faces
23:15 Israeli Pop

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Dallas (rpt)
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Zingara (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 The Streets of San Francisco
13:35 Hope and Gloria
14:00 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 The Nanny
16:00 Hercules – repeats
16:45 Zingara
17:30 Lapidarkiner
18:00 Local Broadcast
18:30 One Life to Live
19:15 The Young and the Restless
20:00 Sunset Beach
20:50 Jaffa Portraits
21:15 The Commish
22:05 The Meter is Running
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld
23:25 Babylon 5 (rpt)
00:15 ENG Newsroom
1:05 Barnaby Jones
2:00 The Pointman
2:45 Under Suspicion
3:40 Brisco County

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Little Noises (1991) – A talentless young writer sells off the poems of a deaf mute as his own. With Tatum O'Neal
13:05 Seeing Stars
13:50 Zoopolis (1989) (rpt)
15:25 Perry Mason: The All Star Assassin (1991) – With Raymond Burr
16:55 New in the Cinema
17:10 Out of Darkness ((rpt)
18:40 Playing Dangerous II (1995) (rpt)
20:20 In the Blink of An Eye (1995) – a woman is convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sixteen years later an old friend comes to her rescue. With Mimi Rogers
21:45 New in the Cinema
22:00 Lost in Yonkers (1993) – comic drama based on a play by Neil Simon. Two teenagers move in with their grandmother, crazy uncle and spirited aunt in NY after their mother's death. With Richard Dreyfuss, Mercedes Ruehl and Irene Worth
23:55 Hostile Force (1996) – two ex-cops must take on a sophisticated gang of robbers
00:35 Mangler (1995) – horror film based on a Stephen King novel
3:20 Eyes of the beholder (1992) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (5)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Alice in Wonderland
9:30 The Center of Things
9:45 Pink Panther Show
10:05 The Center of Things
10:20 Weird Science
11:05 Welcome Freshmen
11:30 Magical Hour with Yael Abecassis
12:20 Twisted Tales of Felix
12:30 Hupo
13:00 Make Believe Closet
13:10 Hallo, Spencer
13:35 Return of the Three Musketeers
14:00 Dennis the Menace
14:30 Alice in Wonderland
15:00 The Center of Things
15:15 Pink Panther Show
15:50 Clarissa Explains All
16:15 The Center of Things
16:35 Saved by the Bell
17:00 Little University
17:30 Shesh-Tus
18:00 Hugo
18:30 Avenger Penguins
19:05 Simba the Lion King
19:30 Cream with Michal Yanai
20:00 Animaniacs
20:20 Married with Children
20:45 Roseanne
21:15 The Cosby Show
21:40 Different World

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Where Are You? I Am Here (Italian, 1993) – drama by Liliana Cavani. A young deaf man is torn between his love for a working-class deaf woman and his bourgeois fiancée.
23:45 Movie Makers, part 5: Arthur Penn – Penn began as a TV director and made his big break with Bonnie And Clyde

■ CHANNEL 8

8:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 Where the Heron Finds a Home (rpt)
9:00 Plants and People: Belladona and Mandrake (rpt)
9:30 Uchida Plays Debussy
10:20 Madrigali Erotici – by Monteverdi
11:10 Montserrat Cabalie – the life of the great soprano
12:05 Pictures and Music
12:45 Pirates: Buccaneers (rpt)
13:15 Treasure Islands: The Holy Cup of Caldi (rpt)
13:40 Wild Film, part 2: Capturing the Moment (rpt)
14:05 I'm Mad, I'm Foolish, I'm Nasty: James Ensor (rpt)
15:00 House of Culture with Yair Garbuz (rpt)
15:30 Asterix (rpt)
16:05 National Geographic Explorer
17:00 Open University
19:10 Pirates, part 7
19:40 Treasure Island, part 7
20:05 Wild Film, part 3 – Creating Drama
20:30 Journey with Vladimir Wisotsky – A portrait of the Russian actor-singer-poet
21:30 House of Culture with Yair Garbuz
22:00 Grupo Corfu – Classic dance troup from Brazil
22:45 National Geographic Explorer
23:40 Open University – Russian Civil War; Leadership; Painters for the People

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Great Houses of the World
6:30 VIP
7:00 The Ticket (rpt)
7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw
8:00 Today
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US)
17:00 Gardening By the Yard
17:30 Awsome Interiors
18:00 The Site
19:00 National Geographic Television: Beauty and the Beast
20:00 The Ticket
20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Inside the PGA Tour
22:30 Gillette World Sport
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw
2:00 The Tonight Show (rpt)
3:00 Internight

■ STAR PLUS

6:30 Nine to Five
7:00 Mollie Katzen's Cooking
7:30 GI Joe
8:00 Eeki the Cat
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
9:30 Picket Fences
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi shows
13:30 Lost in Space
14:30 Black Beauty
15:00 Charles in Charge
15:30 Mollie Katzen's Cooking
16:00 Hindi shows
18:30 Star News
19:00 Are You Being Served?
19:30 Baywatch
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:00 Santa Barbara
22:00 Star News
22:30 Space: Above and Beyond
23:30 Halifax F.P.
1:30 Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Barnaby Jones

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 NBA Playoff Game (rpt)
18:15 National League Basketball finals
20:00 Champions' League Soccer (rpt)
20:30 Ice Skating: World Championship
22:00 Spanish League Soccer
23:30 South American Soccer

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Golf: Women's EPGA
10:30 Motocross Magazine
11:00 IndyCar: PPG World Series, Brazil
13:00 Motors Magazine
13:30 Soccer: European Cup Winners Cup Final
15:30 Mountain Bike: World Cup, Prague
16:00 Tennis: ATP Mercedes Super 9, Italy
20:00 Motors Magazine
20:30 Sumo
21:30 Tennis: ATP Mercedes Super 9, Italy
00:00 Soccer: European Cup Winner's Final, Netherlands
1:00 Sailing Magazine
1:30 Tennis: A Look at ATP Tour
2:00 Slam Magazine

■ STAR SPORTS

5:00 PBA Game of the Week
7:00 Golf: EPGA Tour
8:00 Tennis: Greatest Grand Slam Matches
10:00 Trans World Sports
11:00 Cycling: Marlboro Tour fo Philippines
11:30 Athletics: Fila Sky Runners
12:30 World Wide Rugby
14:30 WLAF Football
15:00 Luge: World Cup
15:30 WWF Raw
16:30 Cycling: Marlboro Tour fo Philippines
17:00 Showjumping: Volvo World Cup Final, Sweden
18:00 Basketball: Women's ABC Championship
19:30 Golf: US PGA
21:30 English Cricket: AXA Life League
2:30 Cycling: Marlboro Tour fo Philippines
3:00 PBA Game of the Week

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
7:30 The Money Programme
8:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 The Money Programme
11:30 Film '97 (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Cities of the Future (rpt)
14:00 Newsdesk
15:30 The Money Programme
16:15 World Business Report
16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour
17:30 Top Gear (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
19:30 The Clothes Show (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Panorama
23:30 Tomorrow's World
00:00 Newsdesk
2:10 Newsnight

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day
6:30 World Report
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:30 CNN Newsroom
12:30 World Report
13:30 American Edition
13:45 Q & A (rpt)
14:00 Asian News
14:30 World Sport (rpt)
15:00 Asian News
15:30 Business Asia
16:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 Science and Technology
19:30 Q & A with Riz Khan
20:45 American Edition
21:00 World Business Today
22:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today Update
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News flash Whaddayasay News				Cream	Treasure Island
20:00		News	Sunset Beach	In the Blink of An Eye	Animaniacs	Wild Film
20:30	House of Eliott	Money Candid Camera	Jaffa Portraits		Married with Children	Journey with Vladimir Wisotsky
21:00			The Commish		Roseanne	
21:30		Dan Shilog Live		New in the Cinema	The Cosby Show	House of Culture with Yair Garbuz
22:00			The Meter is Running	Lost in Yonkers	Different World	Grupo Corfu – Classic dance troup from Brazil
22:30	Backtrack		Love Story with Yossi Siyas		Where Are You? I Am Here	
23:00			Seinfeld			National Geographic Explorer

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Bach: Cantata no 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Ameling, Baldin, Ramey/London Voices/English CO/Leppard); J.C. Bach: Harpsichord concerto no 7; Beethoven/Liszt: Symphony no 6 "Pastorale" (Gould); Schubert: Symphony no 9 "Great" (Dresden/Davis)
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz
14:06 Encore
15:00 Voice of Music magazine
16:00 Johann Friedrich Doles: Motet; Beethoven: Sonata no 9 in A for piano and violin op 47 "Kreutzer"; Brahms: Sonata for piano and cello op 38; Poulenc: Songs to words of 17th-century French poets; Britten: Third suite for cello solo op 87
18:00 New CDs – Daniel Barenboim and Radu Lupu. Works by Schubert: Grand Duo sonata in C D812 for piano 4 hands; 8 Variations on original theme in A flat D813; last-minute acquisitions
20:05 Arnold Schoenberg – the development of a composer: the Expressionist period
21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens
23:00 The Art of the Song

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE That Thing You Do 5 • Sleepers 7 • The Fly + Dead Ringers 9:45 • Key Largo 10 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 The Saint=Dante's Peak= Ridicule 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Michael=Space Jam=Fierce Creatures 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mars Attacks!=Relic 5, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Metro 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The English Patient 3, 6:15, 9:30 • Return of the Jedi 4:30, 7:15 • Everyone Says I Love You 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Marvin's Room 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 9:45 • The Devil's Own 5, 7:30, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Romeo and Juliet=the Prisoner of the Mountains 5, 7:15, 9:45 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Shine 5, 10 • Secrets and Lies 7:15

TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF ☎ 5101370 Kolya=Tad 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 • Box of Moonlight 11 a.m., 3, 7:45 • Multholland Falls 1, 5, 10 **GAT** Everyone Says I Love You 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GORDON** Evita 5:30, 7:45 • Citizen Kane 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Empire of the Senses=Ridicule 5, 7:30, 10 • Space Jam=Fierce Creatures 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** The English Patient 11 a.m., 2, 5, 6:30, 9:30 • Shine 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:30, 8, 10 • Secrets and Lies 11 a.m., 11:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Prisoner of the Mountains 11:15 a.m., 8:30, 9:15 • Beautiful Thing 1:15, 3:30, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** The Saint 5, 7:30, 10 • Ridicule=Dante's Peak 5, 7:30, 10 • Michael 5, 7:30, 10 • Space Jam 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Metro 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Return of the Jedi 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Devil's Own 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Romeo and Juliet 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102574 Opera House The Crest=Marvin's Room 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Big Night=Two Day In The Valley 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The People vs Larry Flynt 5, 7:15, 9:45 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Saint=Relic 5, 7:30, 10 • Dante's Peak 5, 7:30 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** When the Cat's Away 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Secrets and Lies 7, 9:30 • Breaking the Waves 6:45, 9:30 **GLOBECITY** ☎ 8551467 Relic=Dante's Peak 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Saint=Fierce Creatures 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Space Jam 4:45, 7:15 • Michael 9:45 **MORIAH** ☎ 8643654 Shine 7:15, 9:30 **ORLY** ☎ 8381868 Everyone Says I Love You 7, 9:15 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 The English Patient 6, 9:15 • The Devil's Own 4:45, 7, 9:15 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8418898 The English Patient 6, 9:15 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7 • Return of the Jedi 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Scream 7, 9:30 • Jerry Maguire 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Marvin's Room 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Empire Strikes Back 4:30 • Metro 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Devil's Own 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Metro 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Return of the Jedi 4:15, 7 • Jerry Maguire 9:30 • Marvin's Room 9:30 • 101 Dalmatians 4:45, 7

AFULA
RAV CHEN ☎ 6424047 The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 • Return of the Jedi 6:45 • Metro 7, 9:30 • Space Jam 9:30

ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Romeo and Juliet 7:15, 9:30 • Dante's Peak 7:15, 9:30 • Mars Attacks! 7:15, 9:30 The Wedding Banquet 8:30

ARIEL
The Devil's Own 9 • Kazaam 9

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Saint=Relic= Space Jam 5, 7:30, 10 • Shine=Dante's Peak 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. ORI 1-3** ☎ 711223 Fierce Creatures=Michael 5, 7:30, 10 • Secrets and Lies 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8681120 The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 • Return of the Jedi 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Metro 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Romeo and Juliet 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Devil's Own 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30

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G.G. GIL ☎ 729977 The Saint=Relic 5, 7:30, 10 • Dante's Peak=Empire of the Senses 5, 7:30, 10 • Fierce Creatures 10, 12:30 a 10 • Space Jam 5, 7:30 **RAV CHEN** Metro=Shine 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 • The Devil's Own 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30

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BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL ☎6440771 Dante's Peak =Empire of the Senses 5, 7:30, 10 • Secrets and Lies 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Breaking the Waves 6:30, 9:30 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 The Saint=Shine=Relic 5, 7:30, 10 • Fierce Creatures 10 • Space Jam 5, 7:30 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6238278 The English Patient 6:30, 9:30 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30 • Jerry Maguire 9:45 • Everyone Says I Love You 7:30, 9:45 • Metro 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Return of the Jedi 4:30

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HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 Jerry Maguire=The Devil's Own 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 **HOLIDAY** Dante's Peak 7:30, 10 **STAR** ☎ 589068 The Saint 7:30, 10 • Relic 7:30, 10 • Metro 7:30, 10

HOD HASHARON
GIL Metro=Fierce Creatures 5, 7:30, 10 • Dante's Peak=Relic 7:30, 10 • 101 Dalmatians=Space Jam 5

KARMIEL
CINEMA Metro 7, 9:30 • The English Patient 6:15, 9:15 • Breaking the Waves 9:15 • Return of the Jedi 6:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Michael=Relic 5, 7:30, 10 • The English Patient 6:30, 9:30 • Space Jam 4:45 • Metro=The Saint 5, 7:30, 10 • Secrets and Lies 10 • Shine 10 • Dante's Peak 5, 7:30 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30

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G.G. GIL Space Jam=Dante's Peak=Relic 7:15, 9:45 • Michael=The Devil's Own=Jerry Maguire 7:15, 9:45 • The Saint 7:15, 9:45 • Romeo and Juliet 7:15, 9:45 • Shine 9:45 • Breaking the waves 7:15 • Secrets and Lies 7:15, 9:45

KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Metro 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Breaking the Waves 6:30, 9:30 • Shine 7, 9:30 • 101 Dalmatians=Space Jam 4:30

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NEWS
in brief

Procedures allow cancer patient to have kids

A 24-year-old woman being treated for a cancerous brain tumor has been given a triple chance to be a mother after she recovers. Gynecologists at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva carried out a series of three procedures to allow her have a baby. Her chemotherapy was postponed for a short time to allow her to ovulate and carry out in-vitro fertilization with her partner's sperm. The resulting embryos were frozen. In addition, they used the new technique of freezing sections of her ovary, which is being carried out in only a few medical centers around the world. To prevent further damage to her ovaries during anti-cancer therapy, her ovaries were pushed from the center of her lower abdomen to one side. She was the first cancer patient in Israel to undergo all three techniques. *Judy Siegel*

Suspected pimps for 12-year-old out on bail

Avraham Ya'acovov and Maxim Shakrov, who are suspected of raping and pimping for a 12-year-old girl, were released from jail yesterday on NIS 40,000 bail each, NIS 10,000 of which was in cash. They were placed under house arrest and barred from leaving the country until the end of the legal proceedings against them. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Avraham Bizar rejected the prosecution's request to keep them in jail, saying that they do not pose a danger to the public and that they may not have known the girl's age.

According to the charge sheet, the girl had ran away from home in March and Ya'acovov and Shakrov offered her a job and place to live. *Itim*

Nili Cohen named TAU rector



Nili Cohen

Prof. Nili Cohen, 49, was elected rector of Tel Aviv University by the Faculty Senate yesterday. She had been serving as deputy rector for the past three years. Cohen is the first TAU graduate to be named rector. She received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in law from the university. In 1986, the justice minister appointed her to serve on the committee codifying civil law. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Honorary doctorates from Hebrew University

World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and author Herman Wouk will be among the recipients of honorary doctorates during the meeting of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors. The two will receive the awards at a ceremony at the university amphitheater on June 1.

Bronfman is being honored for "his important work on behalf of the Jewish people, and in appreciation of his friendship for and support of the Hebrew University." Wouk, author of *The Caine Mutiny*, *Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance*, is being honored for "his multifaceted contribution to American and Jewish culture, and in recognition of his warm friendship with the Hebrew University and the State of Israel." *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Ministry sets school parties guidelines

The Education Ministry has issued guidelines forbidding organizers, directors, actors and other external professionals from organizing school end-of-year parties.

Principals were instructed to see to it that "parties and ceremonies in schools are carried out in a modest and frugal manner" and were told to avoid unnecessary spending. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*



Righteous Gentiles recognized

Accepting certificates as Righteous Gentiles at a ceremony at Yad Vashem yesterday are (from left) Anna Hornung Tomczak of Poland, Maria Chalipitko of Ukraine, and Janina Karolicka of Poland – all of whom hid Jews in their homes, married Jews after the war, and now live in Israel – and Wieslawa Kazimierz of Poland, who with her mother, Apolonia Wojtowicz, hid a Jewish brother and sister and procured false papers for them. (Isaac Harari)

Strikers blockade Meridor's office

By DAVID HARRIS and Itim

Some 30 local authority heads prevented people from entering Finance Minister Dan Meridor's office for two hours yesterday afternoon, in a protest against his ignoring their demands for increased budgets.

One of those turned away by the protesters was Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who arrived for a meeting with Meridor but left after the local authority heads denied him entry.

Meridor and his senior staff were left angered by the incursion. "If they think this will make me compromise they are totally mistaken," Meridor told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The Union of Local Authorities (ULA), meanwhile, decided to step up its strike action today in an effort to force a solution to the local authorities' deficit problem. Yesterday, 252 of the 263 local authorities were on strike, providing no municipal services other than education and emergency services.

As of today, local authorities – probably including Rishon Lezion which, along with Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Givatayim, Herzliya, Ramat Gan and Bat Yam, had not been on strike – will cease education services.

Convoys of garbage trucks will also take to the road in various localities, and other protest actions will take place.

"There won't be a single resident of this country who will not feel this personally," the ULA leadership vowed.

The decision to expand the strike followed a meeting between Meridor and Interior Minister Eli Suissa, at which it was decided to transfer NIS 200 million to the local authorities to help them cover their debts.

But ULA leaders dismissed this as a "joke," noting that the accumulated debt of the local authorities now stands at NIS 4 billion and that dozens of local authorities have yet to pay their workers' April salaries.

Judy Siegel adds:

The 700 doctors at the two Hadassah-University Hospitals will strike today, instituting a minimal Shabbat schedule. The intensified sanctions at the Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus hospitals were called as a "protest against management's unilateral actions against the doctors and now managements threatens mass dismissals."

Hadassah management has been demanding that the doctors take a fair share in its recovery program to make up the current deficit of NIS 187 million.

Wounded policeman sent home

Meni Guy, a Border Police medic who was seriously wounded during riots in the territories in September, will be discharged from Sheba Hospital today, able to walk on crutches. He was hurt when Haim Asias, a Channel 2 cameraman, climbed a tower to get a good perch for filming and was shot in the stomach. Guy climbed up to rescue Asias, but was also shot and seriously wounded. *Judy Siegel*

Vaccine could save hepatitis A victims

By JUDY SIEGEL

On Independence Day, Bassal Fallah, a Beduin boy from Arab al-Jib, a village near Nazareth, received a liver lobe from his mother, Amal, after he suffered severe complications due to hepatitis A. He was the third Arab child to receive a liver lobe from a live donor. These and other children could have been spared the disease had they received a vaccine still considered too expensive to be included in the regular series of Health Ministry immunizations.

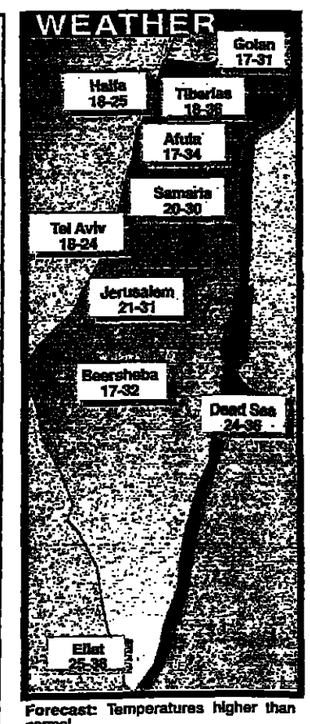
Hepatitis A is endemic in Israel, and most common among Arabs and haredi Jews. Both generally have large families, and the Arabs, in addition, are more likely to live in villages with undeveloped sewage systems and poor sanitary conditions. While haredim most often go abroad – with help from haredi relief organizations – to get a liver transplant, Arabs almost never have such a choice and it is up to a parent to give part of his or her liver.

Passive immunity against hepatitis A can be provided cheaply with a gamma globulin shot, but this offers protection for only seven weeks. Long-term active immunity is provided safely by a vaccine, but since it is produced by only one company and not yet genetically engineered, an adult dose of the more concentrated form costs NIS 215 for one shot (two are needed), while the less concentrated type goes for NIS 143 per dose, according to Jerusalem pharmacist Avi Raz.

It could take five years before the price of hepatitis A vaccine goes down to a level reasonable enough for the Health Ministry to include it in its immunization schedule for children.

Raz notes that haredim are especially susceptible to hepatitis A infection because of their living conditions, relatively poor hygiene in kindergartens, and reluctance to be immunized.

WEATHER



Forecast: Temperatures higher than normal.

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Copenhagen	07	45	13	55	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	54	22	72	pt.cloudy
Geneva	13	55	23	73	pt.cloudy
Helsinki	09	48	16	61	pt.cloudy
Hong Kong	27	81	31	88	clear
Jorberg	03	37	18	64	clear
Lisbon	13	55	20	68	clear
London	09	48	20	68	clear
Los Angeles	19	64	26	79	clear
Madrid	12	54	20	68	pt.cloudy

Winning cards

In yesterday's Chance drawings, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 8 of clubs; and the king of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds, and 9 of clubs.

Report: Freeze Swiss assests

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – The US should freeze Swiss assets in the US if Bern fails to make "appropriate restitution" of World War II-era Nazi gold, *The New York Times* suggested yesterday in an editorial that called on Switzerland and the US to make amends for war-time policies.

"Switzerland's collaboration with the Nazis was extensive and its moral obtuseness after the war quite remarkable," the *Times* said. "That Switzerland was not alone in its misjudgments does not excuse it from making appropriate restitution today."

Last week, Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat released an American report that assailed the neutral nations for being greedy in relations with the Third Reich and the Allies for being lax in pursuing reparations. The Eizenstat report, however, did not indicate what action the neutral states might pursue to make amends.

In 1946 negotiations, the Allies reached an agreement with Switzerland to settle the Nazi gold question with a payment of SFr 250 million – some $58 million – although the Swiss National Bank had received some $400 million in Nazi loot. There have been calls for this agreement to be renegotiated.

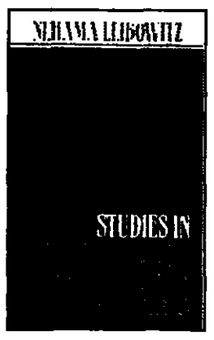
The Eizenstat report noted that the US administration was internally divided in its approach to recovering Nazi loot from the Swiss, and that there were schisms among the Allies.

The *Times* said if Switzerland falls short in restitution, the Clinton administration can freeze some of the $86 billion that Switzerland invests in the US.

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